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7,500 Imperial Valley Agricultural Workers Strike Again; CALIFORNIA SOCIALIST PARTY STATE CONVENTION SPLITS; Anti-Fascist Revolt in France, Austria; Communists Lead

EXPULSED LOCALS UNSEATED; ONE-THIRD HOLD OWN MEETING; GREET DARCY'S UNITY APPEAL

Militants Constitute Themselves Real Convention; Expell Stitt Wilson and Others of Right Wing

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—The California State Convention of the Socialist Party split wide open today. Thirty-odd delegates and alternates and many supporters, representing about one-third of the convention left the hall after 6 hours of bitter discussion in which the reactionary ruling clique of lawyers and preachers refused the pleas of the delegates for a fair discussion and decision on issues vital to the workers and poor farmers. They then girded for the fight among themselves for obtaining the nominations for public offices that according to previous local press publicity from the state secretary's office was "the most important business" for the gathering.

The immediate issue which brought on the split was the refusal by the reactionaries to hear the delegation sent by the Communist Party with a proposal for a united front of action on a 5-point program. However, the fight on this issue came at the end of a long fight during which the controlling clique packed the convention with fake delegates and unseated 14 left-wing delegates including all those from the three expelled locals in Lynwood, Southgate and Long Beach.

The delegates left the hall singing the "International". They then adjourned to Commonwealth House, former S. P. state headquarters to conduct their own proceedings.

Reconvening in Commonwealth House, the delegates adopted resolutions declaring the assembled

Pack Court for Diaz, Firestone, Wed., Feb. 14th

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—San Francisco workers are urged to pack Judge Steigler's courtroom Wednesday, Feb. 14, when John Diaz and Fred Firestone come up for trial at 10 a. m. The two comrades are demanding jury trial, on charges of vagrancy and disturbing the peace for participating in a street meeting in North Beach, Jan. 21.

Last Tuesday, Ida Rothstein and H. Roher were dismissed. Originally arrested with ten others for asserting the right of the workers to speak in Jefferson Park, the two had been held for trial when they refused to repeat an oath of allegiance to the flag. But the court room was packed with workers and Judge Meikle decided it was better to drop the matter.

Monday, Mike Marvos and Jean Rand, arrested Aug. 1 for speaking at an anti-imperialist war demonstration on the waterfront were dismissed before a packed court.

RACE HATRED ON TRIAL

Defendant: City Administration of San Francisco

Prosecutor: The Western Workers

Attorney for defendant, James Branch, Director of Workers School Prosecuting Attorney, Geo. Morris, Editor of Western Worker.

Jury — The Audience

SAT. FEB. 17 — 8:00 P. M.
1223 FILLMORE STREET
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1,000 Unemployed Demonstrated at Tacoma on Feb. 5

FORCE CONSIDERATION OF
BILL AT WELFARE AND
CITY BOARD

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—More than a thousand fighting workers and farmers answered the call of the Pierce County Unemployed Council and demonstrated at the county courthouse on Feb. 5. From there they marched to the Welfare Board offices in the Tacoma Hotel and presented their demands. The demonstration ended with another meeting on 12th Street.

After Vic Ellison, chairman of the Unemployed Council and the workers' candidate for mayor, addressed the crowd, a committee of twenty-five was elected to present the Board of Commissioners with the demand that the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill be endorsed by them and the endorsement sent to Congress. Another committee of fifty was elected to present the relief demands to the Welfare Board.

Police Chief Guy tried to stop the sending of so large a committee and when he mounted their truck to speak to the workers, they told him to get down. And he did, right away. And the committee went on in, unmolested. A. B. Comfort, welfare head, tried to dodge on all the demands but finally agreed to the one to memorialize Congress to enact the Workers' Bill.

Win Some Demands

The other committee, to the Board of Commissioners forced Kelly, chairman of the board, to agree to take up with the school board the demand for free hot lunches for school children of the unemployed, and agreed that the Unemployed Council grievance committee would be recognized at all relief stations, and that no objection would be raised to organizing on the CWA jobs. He agreed the board would study the Workers' Bill and send it to the congressmen. A letter to the Unemployed Council declared they "did not wish to lose prestige or ruin our influence with our national legislators by seemingly unwarranted conclusions," as the excuse for not endorsing the bill.

COAST STEVEDORES CONVENTION IS CALLED; RYAN SOLD OUT WORKERS

International Official Disregards Decisions;
Agrees to Less Pay

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13.—The latest reports from the Washington hearings on the longshoremen's code are that Ryan, president of the Union, is demanding 90c an hour for the Pacific Coast longshoremen, and even less for other parts. He deliberately failed to bring forward the demands of the workers for \$1.00 per hour, 30 hours per week, recognition of the I. L. A. and that the "Blue Book" is a company union. The only one to voice the demands of the stevedores is Roy Hudson, of the Marine Workers Industrial Union. Ryan also sanctioned a "no strike clause" in the shipowners' code, and endorsed the "decentralization Plan", which would throw 50,000 men out of work throughout the country.

Rank and File Convention
Called

In the meantime, on the coast after efforts to stall the coast-wide Longshoremen Rank and File Convention demanded by the workers in resolutions adopted in most locals, the I. L. A. officials were finally forced to send out

Wide United Front in Arizona Backs Job Demands

A. F. OF L., COMMUNIST AND
SOCIALIST PARTY MEM-
BERS JOIN

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 4.—More than 700 joined in the demonstration in the old city hall plaza yesterday to demand the CWA program in this state be continued and protest the cutting of the working hours. The demonstration called by the United Front Committee Against Unemployment, stressed the need of continuation and expansion of the CWA, as there is no other work available for the unemployed. Even despite the CWA, forty cases a day are registered for relief at the local RFC offices and of the \$6,000 registered for relief work in the state just before the CWA began, only 16,700 were given jobs—less than one in five.

Broad United Front
The meeting represented a real united front, including the Relief Workers Protective Union, the Socialist Party local, Workers Emergency League, International Labor Defense, C. H. Murphy, farmers' representative, the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, T. J. Croft, former president of the State Federation of Labor, Dr. Stricker of First Methodist Church, and Clay Naff of the Communist Party. H. M. Sinclair, state organizer of the Socialist Party, was the chairman. Preceding the meeting, Dr. Stricker spoke over radio KOY endorsing the demands of the unemployed.

Permanent headquarters of the United Front Committee have been opened next door to the CWA offices in this city, at 823 East Jefferson St.

Legion Urges Army Control

Using as an excuse the known inefficiency and waste of the CWA administration in this state, the American Legion state conference of commanders and adjutants made no statement of the need of continuance of the program, but instead passed a resolution urging that the work be immediately put under direct army control as is the case with the forced labor camps.

L. A. Gas, Electric Cash in on NRA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 5.—The "New Deal" resulted in an increase of \$254,467.00 in gross revenues over 1932 for the Los Angeles Gas & Electric Corporation, and a decrease of approximately \$400,000.00 in "operating expenses," according to a local paper. This \$400,000.00 is the wage cut the NRA has dealt out to the employees of the corporation, to increase their "buying power."

FRENCH COMMUNISTS LAUNCH COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AGAINST FASCIST ADVANCE IN EUROPE

Austrian Workers Seize Munition Plants;
250,000 in Red Demonstration in
Paris; United Front Call Wins

(See WORLD EVENTS, Page 3)
PARIS, France, Feb. 13.—The Stavisky scandal, proved to be a spark that spread into a flame of revolt throughout France, with the Communist Party at the head of the mass of workers.

The attempt of the Fascist forces last Tuesday to take advantage of the mass indignation, a product of the growing misery in the wake of the intense crisis here, and divert it for a Fascist dictatorship, was quickly answered by the counter-offensive launched by the Communist Party.

The Fascist demonstrations called for a dictatorship, and were immediately satisfied by the resignation of the Daladier government, and the formation of the Doumergue dictatorship, consisting of the most reactionary agents of imperialism.

The Socialist Party deputies, instead of calling for a mass struggle against the fascist advance, voted to retain the Daladier government, on the pretense that it is the expression of "liberties and democracy," although it was the very government that set the stage for the Doumergue dictatorship.

Communists Drive Fascists
From Streets

The Communist Party, immediately called for a united front against advancing fascism, and so great was the response from the rank and file of the Socialist Party and the trade unions, that the reactionary leaders of both were compelled to agree to a united mass demonstration, scheduled for a general strike for Monday.

The Communist Party realizing that no time should be given the Doumergue dictatorship to entrench itself, called upon the masses to immediately come out on the streets and demonstrate. (Continued on Page 5, Col. 2)

LORD MARLEY MEET TO BE HUGE ANTI-FASCIST DEMONSTRATION

At San Francisco Opera House Feb. 14th;
Speaks at Berkeley Despite U. of C. Ban

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Wednesday night, Feb. 14th will see the S. F. Opera House, at Van Ness Avenue and Grove Street, crowded with a great audience to hear Lord Marley speak. Marley is International chairman of the World Committee to Aid Victims of German Fascism, and edited the "Brown Book of Hitler Terror," which was so powerful in exposing the Reichstag arson frame-up

and proving the Nazis responsible for the crime. Workers who took part in the active campaign and demonstrations here for saving the four Communist leaders during the Leipzig trial, as well as liberals and intellectuals will flock to hear Marley speak on "A Year of Hitler's Rule in Germany and A Year of World-wide Opposition".

Marley arrived in the United States last Tuesday, spoke in New York and Chicago to huge mass meetings and is flying to San Francisco. A reception committee will meet him tomorrow night at 9:15 when he arrives at the airport.

His speech at the Commonwealth Club at noon Wednesday will be broadcast by radio.

Meet at Berkeley Despite
University Ban

A few hours later, at 3 p. m., Marley will address another mass meeting at the International House at Berkeley, held under the auspices of the Social Problems Club of the University of California. Last week vice-president Deutsch refused permission to hold the meeting on the university campus, and told the students that they must not show partiality against the Nazis. The "impartiality" of the university is clear in the recent series of pro-Hitler lectures given

VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 13.—When the Dollfuss government attempted to put the finishing touches for a fascist dictatorship in Austria, it was answered by a general strike which spread to all parts paralyzing all economy of Austria, and quickly assuming the character of a revolution. Martial law has been declared.

By Monday night more than 400 are reported killed and many thousands are wounded, as the entire military forces of the country were mobilized against the striking workers, and at Graz Styria, even field artillery is being brought into action.

The revolt is a climax of the long series of concessions that the Socialist Party gave to the Dollfuss regime, giving it an opportunity to organize for this final step, when under the guise that the Marxists and Bolsheviks are plotting against the government, an order for the dissolution of the Social-Democratic Party was issued. The Communist Party has long ago been forced into illegality.

Communists Offer
United Front

The Social-Democratic leaders, whose influence among their followers was seriously undermined by the appeal for a united front against fascism, that the Communist Party, the Com-

Spanish Communists Follow Suit

MADRID, Spain, Feb. 13.—While in Austria and France the workers are throwing back the fascist drive with general strikes, a general strike was declared today by the Spanish Communists at Bilbao, Spain. Clashes have already occurred with the police.

DRIVE FOR SPRING TERM OPENS; 600 ENROLLMENT IS EXPECTED

S. F. Workers School Offers Twenty-six
Courses; Begins March 5th

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Keeping pace with the need for trained leaders in the rapidly developing revolutionary movement, the San Francisco Workers School announces the opening of registration for its Spring Term, March 5 to May 31. During the winter term, just closing, well over 300 students attended the various classes. The registration quota for the next term has been set at 600 on the basis of the 100% growth of the school in the last term.

Lord Marley



by von Kuhlman on the university's invitation and the fact that David Barrows, former president, is now lecturing in Hitlerite universities. Barrows sends letters back strongly praising the Nazis, which are printed in the Alumni monthly.

But despite this attempt to gag Marley, he will speak at the International House, which is on the edge of the campus. Following these three speeches to rally aid to the victims of Hitler, Marley will fly to Los Angeles where a big meeting is being prepared for him Thursday night.

1,000 Delegates at Wash. Jobless Convention

TO MOBILIZE HUGE FIGHT
FOR WORKERS BILL AND
CONTINUANCE CWA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—"We are going to fight. We are determined to win the enactment of the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill."

With this keynote slogan, spoken by Israel Amter, National Secretary of the Unemployed Councils, and echoed by every other speaker at the three-day convention in Masonic Temple still ringing in their ears, the 1,000 delegates started leaving for their homes today.

The National Convention Against Unemployment was national in character, and covered every section of the workingclass. Of the 1,000 present, representing 2,000,000 organized workers in more than 32 states, 500 were elected from CWA jobs, 300 from trade unions including T. U. U. L. unions and 100 from A. F. of L. locals. The remainder were from Unemployed Councils and other unemployed organizations throughout the country. More than 200 of the delegates were Negroes, while many were from farmers organizations.

The six delegates from California, arrested in Memphis, Tenn., on vagrancy charges, were finally released and proceeded to Washington, although too late to attend the first part of the convention.

The convention took measures for a nation-wide mobilization for a fight to back the workers bill for Unemployment Insurance, introduced by Congressman Lundeen of Minnesota, which now carries number H. R. 7598; for continuation of the CWA jobs at 30 hours per week, and against the proposed Wagner bill which aims at giving a fake substitute for real unemployment insurance, not really providing insurance for the mass of unemployed.

Hopkins Evades

This latter fact was clearly apparent in the attitude of Federal Relief Director Harry Hopkins, when faced with a delegation of forty from the convention. He promised "investigations", agreed to look into all grievances and admitted the right of the workers to organize on the jobs and their need for continued and increased relief. But these were the nervous evasions of a man on the spot and he refused to give any direct answer to the delegations demands that the jobs be continued or that he support the bill.

The meeting was tremendously enthusiastic throughout the three days. One of the high spots was the ovation given the reading of a letter from Comrade Wm. Z. Foster, Communist Party leader, who was too ill to attend.

Shower Anti-War Leaflets on L. A. 'Defense' Parade

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10.—30,000 anti-war leaflets were thrown from the tops of buildings during the Preparedness Day parade this afternoon. The leaflets, which were all strewn from the roofs at 1st and 2nd on Spring street; from 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th streets on Broadway; and from the top of the Chamber of Commerce building, were eagerly snatched up and read by the crowds in the streets.

Many organizations were represented by the leaflets including the Communist Party, the Young Communist League, the National Student's League, the organization Against War and Fascism and the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League.

Negro Liberation Movement

Short-story Writing, Advanced English, Advanced Russian, a day class in Poster Work, Still Photography and Elementary Hygiene.

School Conference

A conference was held at the School building, Ruthenberg House, 121 Haight St., on Saturday, Feb. 10th, in which the School Advisory Board, the Executive Committee and the Student Council participated.

All workers, particularly those in trade unions and other workingclass organizations are urged to register at once at the School Office, 121 Haight St., 2nd floor. Registrations will be taken every day from 1 p. m. to 10 p. m.

CANNERY AND AGRICULTURAL UNION IS IN THE LEADERSHIP

Terror Defied; Demand 2 Cents per Pound;
Instead of 1c Paid Now

Secretary of Milk Workers Shot at by Red Squad Thugs

SOMERS, 2 OTHERS, ATTACKED
IN SAN FERNANDO
VALLEY AREA

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 8.—Steve Somers was fired upon and two other men were severely beaten Saturday in the terror-ridden San Fernando valley dairy section by Captain Hynes and the red squad. Somers, secretary of the milkers' union, was driving along a public road when he was stopped at the point of a shotgun. He was ordered not to stop at the Fanning dairy where he was going to collect dues for the milkers' union. Continuing up the road he was headed off by an on-coming machine. He was told to turn at the cross-roads. This he did, but when he turned the corner, rifle shots whistled thru the air, ripping holes in the top of his machine. Somers sped to the town of San Fernando and reported the thugs to the police.

Two Beaten

The other two men were accused of sabotage and were brutally beaten by Hynes because the corral gate was accidentally open and the cows stampeded. One of the men got two of his front teeth knocked out. "I thought you said you weren't union men," was the howl at them. "You're bloody bolsheviks, that's what you are." The two men had been striking milkers and one of them had been arrested on the Santa Ana picket line. Both were new on this job.

'SAVE THEODORE JORDAN' FIGHT INCREASES

FRAMED NEGRO'S MOTHER IS
RALLYING MASS SUPPORT
FOR SALEM MARCH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 10.—While protest of workers and organizations are pouring in on the State Supreme Court and Gov. Meier, demanding the immediate release of Theodore Jordan, his mother, Mary George is coming to Portland to aid in the rallying of mass support to save her boy.

Jordan, a young Negro worker, was sentenced to hang on charges of murder, framed-up by a railroad bull who swore he would "get" Jordan as a result of personal enmity. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court by the International Labor Defense, and was so raw that the judges postponed a decision while asking the prosecution to file a brief, hoping that by this move the growing mass protest might die down in time.

"Save Theodore Jordan"

Instead it has grown stronger. More protest are coming in to them, and to the governor, from all parts of the west. As the court's decision is expected soon the I. L. D. is increasing the campaign, and labor unions, the churches and other types of organizations are being appealed to elect delegates to go to the state capital, Salem, March 1st. Mother Jordan will lead the delegation. In the meantime she is speaking at many meetings in Portland and vicinity.

As an additional means to rally support, the I. L. D. branched throughout the state arriving on a campaign to secure 20,000 signatures to a petition to be presented to the governor demanding Jordan's immediate and unconditional freedom.

EAST BAY I.L.D. WINS 10 CASES IN FIGHT AGAINST POLICE TERROR

Dismissals Forced in All Instances; Monster Carnival to Finance Fight for Free Speech and Assemblage

The first six weeks of 1934 have seen an increase in the use of police terror against workers in the East Bay, with ten arrests already. The first came on Jan. 4, during a meeting at the Federal Center when five workers, speaking to a meeting of unemployed transient workers, were brutally clubbed, held incommunicado for

MASS STRUGGLE SAVES HOME IN EAST OAKLAND

UNITED FRONT COMMITTEE STOPS EVICTION FOR SECOND TIME

BULLETIN

To stop a flood of threatened foreclosures and evictions, the Home Owners & Home Protective association, who had successfully fought the case of Frank Sierra, have called a delegate city conference for Lockwood School auditorium on Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8 p. m.

All unions, fraternal and cultural organizations, orders, clubs, lodges, churches, and other organizations who want to prevent small home owners from being foreclosed and evicted are urged to send delegates to this conference and to secure copies of the call from B. C. Cash, secretary, at 7321 Ney St., Oakland.

Frank Sierra's home was saved a second time by the Home Owners and Home Protective Association.

This organization had stopped an eviction once, and won a delay until February first, but if a loan from the Federal Home Loan did not go through by Feb. 1, the Pacific States Home Loan Corporation was to be allowed to evict.

For a whole week before Feb. 1, a committee elected by the Home Owners association kept ringing for information on the loan, but they could not get any answer at all except that everything possible was being done.

Action Wins

One day before the eviction was scheduled, the committee went down to the office and walked into the managers' office, despite the attempts of his secretary to keep them out, demanding a definite answer as to whether or not Sierra would be evicted.

When the manager saw that the workers were ready to take mass action to protect Sierra's home, he promised outright that loan or no loan, Sierra would not be evicted. He wasn't.

Neighborhood meetings are being held to celebrate this victory, and to acquaint the neighbors with all except the organization can save the workers' homes. New members are coming into the organization each week, and two more cases are now coming up. We expect to save these two homes by the same sort of mass pressure, just stronger.

The Home Owners meet every Thursday night at the Lockwood school, 69th Avenue and East 14th street, Oakland.

—Home Owner.

Greetings!

BERKELEY STEAM BATHS
1911 - 10th St.
BERKELEY

Greetings!

MEAR TAILORS
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2065 Webster Street, OAKLAND

Greetings!

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BERKELEY

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2nd Anniversary of
SOVIET RUSSIA TODAY

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February 23rd, 1934.

A Worker Needs Good Eyesight!

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Specialized service in examining
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The District Convention of the Communist Party will take place on March 17th. This date coincides with the end of the Western Worker drive for \$5,000 and 3,000 subscriptions. The convention will bring together the best proletarian fighters on the coast. It will plan the next big push - SO BIG THAT IT WILL MAKE ALL OUR PREVIOUS ADVANCES LOOK SMALL. Our district membership must grow by thousands. Fighting trade unions must be built in the basic industries. BUT WE MUST WORK MUCH MORE RAPIDLY. The world situation is advancing with lightning pace. LOOK AT THE CIVIL WARS IN EUROPE. Witness the struggles in our own district. In launching this big offensive, we must have our main gun in the best shape - we must have a semi-weekly Western Worker. What are you doing to make sure we have it? Have you gotten others to subscribe? Have you gathered funds for the reserve? Here is what Los Angeles and San Francisco are doing on March 4th. Make no other arrangements for that day. Join to put the drive over the top. SUBSCRIBE NOW!!

East Bay Workers! All Out Mar. 4

Workers Rally to Support Special East Bay Edition

Individual contributions from scores of East Bay workers have aided in the publication of this special East Bay edition of the Western Worker.

Besides the following workers who have contributed greetings to the Special East Bay edition, numerous friends and sympathizers have contributed anonymously.

"Comradely greetings to the Special East Bay edition of the Western Worker from:

"Herrzog, H. Malenda, F. Webster, Sympathizer, L. G. Tema, M. N. Johnson (president, North Oakland Improvement Club), J. Lewis, F. Valers, G. Perry, J. Green, D. Adams, C. Egle, L. F., C. Walters, S. Blackman, H. Burick, S. Levenberg, M. & B. Grow, A. Fairman, R. Pearsall, Mr. & Mrs. D. Apple, Mr. Turbovsky, F. Johnson, C. Burk, S. A. Meyer, Parker, B. Alzinovich, W. Brodine, L. Snyder, A. K. H., W. D. C., M. Ruiz, L. Starling, Jones, R. Cochran, Jackson, Hall, W. Young."

Moore Shipyard Men Average 2 Days Per Week

The N. R. A. did not have much effect in Moore's Shipyard, because we are able to work only when boats come in for repairs. These jobs are taken by the company, usually on contract, and we have to work until they are finished.

Because of the shortage of work the men are able to get on for an average of only one or two days a week. This is made worse by the fact that the foremen have certain favorites whom they keep on the job all the time, and the rest of the men get even less work.

Refused Relief

Many of the men are not able to make enough to keep themselves and their families on what they make. Of course the charities refuse to give them any assistance since they are supposed to be working.

Despite the enormous profits that the Moore company makes, they don't think enough of the workers who make the profit for them to even supply them with decent toilets. The toilets are old sheds over the water, which are in very filthy shape, being cleaned only once a week.

—Moore's Worker.

care of her own affairs—in other words, they are trying to intimidate her into not having the Unemployed Council take up her case if she has any grievance in the future.

—Pabco Worker.

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Many of the workers are suffering from industrial eczema and this staggering is added hardship. Chlorine fumes are eating into the system of the workers. Cement floors add to discomfort. When the men get sick the boss cusses the workers. All these conditions could be bettered if the workers were organized and protected. Many health protection improvements could be installed, but this will not be done until we workers here wake up to the understanding that organized we can accomplish a lot.

—Clorox Slave.

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PABCO SPEEDS UP OAKLAND PLANT; OUTPUT INCREASED AS WORKERS LAID OFF; MILITANT UNION FORMS

Stove Pullers Forced to Go Into Stoves at Temperature of Over 135

In the last two months Pabco (Paraffine) Corporation has put in a new stove for the Battleshop Linoleum and installed several new machines. All the blessings from the N. R. A. have gone to the owners of the corporation and most of the workers have been blessed with a cut in wages, when they were shifted from the 8-hour shift to the 6-hour shift.

Pabco has also blessed the workers with increased speed-up. For example in the Linoleum Dept., the machine has been speeded up so that now the workers have to turn out 16 feet per minute, whereas before they had turned out a maximum of 10. This means that girls and boys (on the night shift) who work on the inlay, have to work that much faster and when the die cuts bad, and a lot of the scrap goes into the box, the foreman raises a big squawk. However, the company wants still more profits, so they are going to install rollers in the machine which will bring the output up to twenty feet per minute. Nothing has been said of increasing the workers' wages. The speed up is so terrific during the day time that the men have to eat their lunch "on the fly" at the machines. The stackers have been laid off from the crew and now the men on the machines have to do their own stacking.

Speed Up or Get Out

In the inspection room, the output has been increased from 80 to 130 rolls a day. The way the management raised the quota was by laying off the third crew and telling the two remaining crews that one of them would also be laid off and that would be the slowest crew. Then both crews broke their necks in increasing output until now they are turning out from 120 to 130 rolls a day. NOW, the company is to re-hire the third crew, since the new stove will start operating soon.

The boys who pull the stoves are sure having a "hot time". No one is supposed to go into the stoves if the heat is above 120 degrees. The boys have been made to go in almost always at 135 degrees and several times even at 155! The foremen insist that the stoves have to be pulled in a hurry, but in their greed for profits they overload the stoves above government specifications. As a result the loops get caught and it takes a long time to unload. Of course the boys are paid for it and they catch all the hell.

There are many other things to write about from other departments. We will leave it go for another time. Up to now the bosses have fooled us. But we're getting wise. It won't be long until we have our union formed and then we will make them look over some of the big profits they made out of us and cut down on the speed-up.

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Greetings from 28 Mass Organizations

Revolutionary greetings from twenty-eight different workers organizations have contributed to the funds which made possible the issuing of this special East Bay Edition of the Western Worker.

Besides the organizations purchasing display advertisements in this issue, the following organizations have forwarded their revolutionary greetings to the special edition:

Oakland Icor, Finnish Workers Club of Berkeley, Construction Workers Industrial Union of East Oakland, the Young Communist League, East Bay Section of the Communist Party, the Workers Book Store, Icor Culture Club.

The Home Owners & Home Protective League, the Communist Party, Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12 and 13; Lithuanian Worker's Club; and the South Slav Branch, International Workers Order.

Special notice number 15, under date of January 19, which has been posted recently throughout the Southern Pacific system, shows us S. P. workers again how ruthlessly the company casts aside laid-off workers without any thought of the years which they have worked for their masters.

According to this notice, laid-off S. P. employees can still continue to receive hospital treatment if they continue to pay their dues of \$1.50 promptly each month—under these circumstances:

1.—Employees with less than ten years service may continue to pay their hospital dues of \$1.50 per month for one year after hospital attention for the period paid for.

2.—Employees with ten to 20 years service receive the same benevolent consideration for one and one half years.

3.—Employees with MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS SERVICE WHO HAVE BEEN LAID OFF HAVE THE PRIVILEGE EXTENDED TO A TOTAL OF TWO YEARS.

Speed-up, Lay-offs as Well

Not only are we speeded-up on the job, not only are men laid off so that the railroad is undermanned and dangerous, not only do they fire some of us who have worked over twenty years for the company, but they won't even allow their laid-off workers to continue to use their scheme of "company insurance".

This should show every Southern Pacific worker that we must support the fight for Unemployment and Social Insurance, at the expense of the bosses and government. Only in this way can we be sure that we won't be cast aside by the S. P. ourselves and find ourselves helpless.

—S. P. Worker.

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JEFFERSON PARK DEMONSTRATION 2:00 P. M. WILL DEMAND 30 - HOUR CWA JOB AND JOBLESS INSURANCE

First Anniversary of Roosevelt Deal Will Recall Forgotten Promises

Checks of many East Bay C. W. A. workers are being held back on the pretext that they are being "checked". A Federal Auditing Bureau has been set up, and the C. W. A. officials pass the buck to this committee when workers demand their checks. All C. W. A. workers who have back checks owing to them should be present at the next meeting of the C. W. I. U. so that the Union can take up their cases and put on mass pressure to demand pay.

BULLETIN

One year of Roosevelt—and on March 4th the workers and unemployed of the East Bay will come out in a great mass demonstration at Jefferson Park, 14th & Jefferson St., at 2:00 p. m. to force the Roosevelt government to make good on its promises.

Three central demands will serve as the basis for calling this mass meeting. These are:

1.—Continuation of all CWA work.

2.—Unemployment & social insurance, at the expense of the bosses and the government.

3.—The union scale of wages and the 30-hour week on C. W. A.

Called under the auspices of the Construction Workers Industrial Union, this demonstration will have the active support of unemployed workers, supporting the Workers Unemployment and Social Insurance Bill, now introduced in Congress, and of factory, shop and mill workers who are supporting the demand for a union scale of wages on CWA jobs as a protection of their own wages.

Fearful of organization on the CWA jobs, government officials, both national and local, have made concessions and promises to the CWA workers. The nationwide demonstrations by the C. W. I. U. on February 3, typified by the 1500 who came to the Oakland meeting, played a large part in securing the promise of the continuation of CWA jobs.

At the same time, intimidation on the job in the East Bay area is constantly growing. Union organizers are shifted from job to job to prevent them from getting on friendly terms with the CWA workers. Federal investigators track down all union officials in an attempt to discover some technicality upon which they can be fired and the union broken up.

In the meantime, since no definite word about lay-offs has come out, the straw-bosses in the East Bay are conducting a huge speed-up and laying-off any worker who cannot keep up with

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EAST OF THE ROCKIES

New York Taximen Continue Strike

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Despite Mayor LaGuardia's statement that the strike of 30,000 taxi drivers is settled, more than 7,000 voted in mass meetings throughout the city to remain out until their demands are all met and the union recognized. At a mass meeting of 5,000 of the strikers in Madison Square Garden Saturday night, the men had voted against acceptance of the bosses' offer of 40% of the money collected on the 5c tax, standing solid behind their demand for 100% of the tax. 10,000 more joined the union at this meeting.

The Taxi Workers Union is demanding that no settlement of the strike be made by the united strike committee without the approval of the men, as LaGuardia's agent, the "liberal" Morris Ernst, is trying to break it.

Woodring Admits CCC Military Camps

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Faced with the direct charge by I. Amter, National Secretary of the Unemployed Councils, Martin Woodring refused to deny the statement of Assistant Secretary of War Woodring that the CCC camps were part of the war preparation, or that this was the official policy of the administration. Woodring, one of Roosevelt's secretaries, admitted Woodring's statement was "as far wrong as yours" (Amter's).

Roosevelt, greatly embarrassed at Woodring's letting the cat out of the bag, has denied that the CCC mobilization was the first military move under the National Defense Act.

U. S. Nazi Murder Plot Disclosed

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Continuing its expose of Nazi activities in the United States, the Daily Worker has uncovered a plot to murder leaders of the Hungarian anti-fascist movement here. A letter sent by Oscar Schilling, secretary of the New York section of the Nazi Party to D. B. de Almasy, director of the "Colonel Kovacs Society," stated: "That damned Jew, the New York editor of the Hungarian Bolshevik paper who you say is your leader, must be silenced. If you agree we will take care of this matter. And if necessary we will do the same thing with the others."

Huge Scandal in Army Planes

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 9.—Brig. Gen. Wm. Mitchell testified to the House Military Affairs Committee yesterday that America should have at least 400 big bombers for the mainland in addition to others for Hawaii and the Philippines. Mitchell testified before the House Committee, charged that contractors were milking the government and selling inferior planes. The huge air scandal in air contracts now being "investigated" has shown that profits exceeding 90% have been made. A scandal comparable to that of Tea Pot Dome, and connecting back to the Hoover administration, is developing not only in airplanes but in contracting in other supplies. To cover up, the administration is turning over the air-mail to army planes beginning Feb. 15, a move which will as well permit the increase of military aviation behind a commercial smokescreen. The army having declared their present planes "unable to fly the mail," new ones are demanded.

Declaring modern war is fought in the air, Brig. Gen. Mitchell cited the fact that the British Air Ministry is building long range bombers to attack Moscow as reason why the U. S. army should have similar planes.

Marine Union Leads Munson Strike

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 7.—Led by the Marine Workers Industrial Union, the crew of the S. S. "Munson" struck yesterday for \$62.50 a month, pay for overtime, full crew, and union recognition. The strike is the first of an offensive against the "Munson Line" unbearable conditions, and the general committee is presenting the demands to the main office today demanding that the demands be met on all ships of their line.

To Protest Closing 20,000 U. S. Schools

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 8.—Protests against the closing of 20,000 schools in the United States on the pretext of "lack of funds" will take on a mass character here April 5th to 7th when a nation-wide conference will be held at Ohio State University.

John Hester Denied Parole; Was Active in Jobless Struggle

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 8.—Parole was denied for John Hester, sentenced to one year's imprisonment for turning on the gas in his home when the county charities refused to provide him with gas and light for his family.

The International Labor Defense and Mrs. Hester, applying for the parole, were told it could only be obtained if Mrs. Hester

would settle with the gas company.

The hearing was set for last Thursday morning. Many workers and others, including fifteen ministers, appeared to testify as to the character of Comrade Hester, and that a job was available for him.

From the start, the parole commission turned the inquiry on the question of Hester's political beliefs, and although the technical time has not yet passed, it is plain that the parole was denied for the reason that Hester has been an active militant worker for the relief of the unemployed.

L.A. Court Supports Nazi Election Fraud

HITLER AGENTS TOOK CONTROL OF ORGANIZATIONS THROUGH FAKERY

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9th.—Judge Guy F. Bush put the official stamp of the courts on Nazism in a decision denying the right to oust the Nazi officers of the German-American Alliance at the end of a day of argument losing a trial that blew the lid off the seething cauldron of Nazi activity in this country.

Judge Bush told the court that he "trusted the common sense of the Germans" here, and that in this, the American democracy had been built where every man had an equal chance regardless of birth, color or creed.

Bush's ruling was received by a great show of hand-shaking, and patting of backs in a courtroom of two hundred where wadlike tie-pins and silver shirt papers were commonplace.

Railroad Election

The suit, brought by the anti-fascist group of the German-American Alliance, sought to oust the Nazi officers of that organization "elected" last October 13. It was conclusively shown in testimony that the Friends of New Germany, the Women's Auxiliary, and the Storm Troopers were railroaded into the organization in the night of the "election" in order to put the Nazi officers in control.

In the sensational testimony of Captain Robert Pape, one of the Nazi witnesses and head of the Friends of New Germany in Los Angeles, testified that he was appointed as supreme head of the local branch office and Western Division, by Hans Spanknobel, national head at a meeting held in Chicago last July and that Spanknobel was responsible to Hitler in Germany.

S. D. Supervisors for Jobless Insurance, But Not for the Workers Bill

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 6th.—A committee from the Relief Workers Union and the Unemployed Council called on the County Supervisors Monday morning and demanded that they go on record as being in favor of the Workers Social Insurance bill and an Old Age Pension bill, also for cash relief for all unemployed until such time as they are given work at the prevailing union wage scale.

After some attempts to put off hearing the demands at this meeting, Comrade Keckler was permitted to read the Bill before a room full of workers who had come to support the committee. The supervisors after much squabbling and exchanging finally voted to be on record in favor of Unemployment Insurance but objected to some of the clauses in the Bill presented by the workers.

Realizing that they were on the spot before the 28,000 unemployed in the county they decided to make the best of a bad situation by resorting to the usual political trick of buck-passing. They took copies of the Bill for "study and further consideration."

DO YOU KNOW—

MORE THAN 200,000 NEGRO SLAVES WERE STOLEN FROM AFRICA AND SOLD IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES, AND—

—IN TEN YEARS 100,000 WHITE SLAVES, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WERE STOLEN FROM ENGLAND AND SOLD IN THE SAME COLONIES!

ONE HALF OF THE WHITE IMMIGRANTS WHO CAME TO AMERICA BEFORE 1800 WERE SLAVES!

ONLY 3.8% OF THE POPULATION OF THE SOUTH OWNED SLAVES (1850)

FOR SALE AN ABLE-BODIED SLAVE WAS WORTH ABOUT \$4,000.00

DURING THE CIVIL WAR MEN IN THE NORTH COULD KEEP OUT OF THE ARMY BY PAYING \$300; WHILE MEN IN THE SOUTH WERE EXEMPT FROM MILITARY SERVICE IF THEY OWNED 10 OR MORE SLAVES!

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Horrible Crime in Los Angeles

A most atrocious crime was recently committed in Los Angeles according to news dispatches from that city which were reprinted in San Francisco papers.

A federal investigation is under way, the governor has threatened to call out the militia, Rep. Stepien has demanded a congressional investigation and the police are said to be investigating this horrible crime originated in Moscow.

According to press dispatches, golfers in an exclusive Los Angeles club have reported to federal authorities that a C. W. A. worker had intentionally and deliberately tried to spoil their game. They also charged that certain C. W. A. workers used profane language in the presence of lady golfers.

The dispatch states that C. W. A. workers were employed adjacent to this exclusive golf course and whenever a golfer was starting to drive or putt that these workers deliberately struck their picks and shovels against stones and spoiled their game. One golfer complained that a worker suggested that he use a shovel rather than a mallet. A lady golfer claimed that workers used profane language.

Digging for Worms At an official investigation, one worker explained that he had never seen a game of golf before and believed one of the golfers was digging for worms to go fishing. The worker stated that this particular golfer had dug quite a hole in the grass and seemed discouraged, so he

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Company Union at Selby Is Reason for Rotten Conditions

SHEDD, FAKER AT THE HEAD IS ONLY COMPANY TOOL

RICHMOND, Cal., Feb. 13.—Selby Smelter has a union. It was established six months ago under the leadership of one C. J. Shedd. Imagine the all-powerful Guggenheim interests tolerating a union.

But the secret of it is this—the union was sponsored by company officials, the company retaining the right to hire, fire, transfer at will. If any member feels he should have a raise, the company can dispose of this radical.

Even in "boom times" Selby was no place to work. In 1930 the base wage was \$3.75 a day. Then within a year it was cut 10% to \$3.37. Then another 10% cut, bringing the base pay down to \$3.04. Decent drinking water could not be had in the summer, except by the office force. The sanitary conditions were rotten, in addition to one's health being constantly endangered by lead fumes, arsenic and other poisons.

"Saved" by the NRA

Foremen, rated on the amount of work they got out, drove the men to the limit. Then Franklin Roosevelt saved us with his mighty NRA, giving us a new deal and the right to organize. So the workers were given a company union, a ten per cent raise and five days a week, so we got a base wage cut from \$21.25 a week to \$16.80—saved by a cut of 18 to 20%.

The union endorsed by the smelter superintendent was put into the hands of Shedd, brother of the asst. superintendent. Shedd claimed he had been an IWW when that organization had been popular on the coast. His first stunt was to collect 25c from each member, using this to buy beer to be served at a meeting called to notify a great number of the men they were being laid off.

Now he is trying to get 25c a man to keep the Selby Booster Club open three night a week for union members. This club affords about as much pastime as a picnic in a poison ivy patch surrounded by red-ant hills. A pool table with decked cushions and a bunch of broken cues. Other amusement consists of throwing little paper pins at a target and an old ladies card game occasionally.

Won't Fight for Workers

When a member who had worked overtime was having difficulty getting his money he appealed to Shedd and was told "If I was you I would go and see them. Maybe you can get it." Do you workers want your union headed by a faker who will not even take up your grievances for you? Kick out this faker, Shedd, and build up a rank and file union that will fight for your rights. The long going recently had a cut—and will get another one soon if we don't organize to fight for ourselves.

—Selby Worker

FOREIGN NEWS BRIEFS

Scheme to "Colonize" Chilean Unemployed

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 9.—A bill expected shortly to pass the Senate aims to provide cheap labor on the huge estates of the big landowners. The Agricultural Colonization Committee of the Senate proposed that that body the "colonizing" of great numbers of unemployed to work these lands at low pay set by the government.

Red Army Shows Strength

MOSCOW, U. S. S. R., Feb. 9.—Proof of the statement of Klementi Voroshilov, Commissar of War, that the Red Army is now mechanized more than most European armies was strikingly demonstrated today in Red Square when the Moscow garrison paraded in honor of the 17th Party Congress. The parade of infantry, artillery, aviation units, tanks, and chemical warfare units was impressive, particularly to the representatives of the Japanese embassy, as they paraded before the Central Committee on the reviewing stand on Lenin's tomb. "The Bolsheviks of today are not the ill-equipped forces of the intervention period," Voroshilov told the Congress. "Not only will we hold our Far East, but we will issue victors in any war forced upon us."

Fascists Raid Austrian Papers

VIENNA, Austria, Feb. 9.—Under the old pretext of having "found bombs and an unprecedented criminal plot of Bolsheviks and Marxists," a series of raids was conducted against Socialist and Communist centers with the seizure of the Socialist paper "Arbeiter Zeitung." The raids were followed by mass arrests of the banned Socialist Republican Guards.

Britain Fortifies on Pacific

LONDON, England, Feb. 9.—One of the strongly recommended moves of the secret British naval base just closed in Singapore, calls for establishing a fortified naval base in the Falkland Islands in the south Atlantic near Cape Horn. In the event of a war involving the United States, the Panama Canal might be destroyed or closed to British ships and all ships would have to make the journey around the Horn. The present decision indicates a strengthening of the relations between Britain and nearby Argentina.

Strikes Spread in Cuba

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 8.—Pres. Mendieta is using terrorism and demagogic "concessions" in an effort to stop the spreading strike wave. He announced the right of free assembly, at the same time that his soldiers are using armed force against the strikers and shooting into picket lines. Workers imprisoned by troops with machine guns in the plants of the Cuban Electric Co. where they participated in a general strike Friday and Saturday, have gone on hunger strike in Havana and Camaguey. Despite the troops at the sub-stations, Havana is still in darkness. More than 20 sugar mills have struck in solidarity with the railway workers, as have the harbor workers in Port Nuevitas. The bus strike in Havana remains solid. The strike of the 30,000 tobacco workers has spread over the whole island.

Fire Defendants in Goering's Hands

BERLIN, Germany, Feb. 8.—George Dimitroff, Basil Tanoff and Blagol Popoff, acquitted Communist Reichstag fire trial defendants, have been rushed to Berlin from Leipzig and turned over to the secret police which is headed by Goering. Torkler, the other defendant, had already been delivered to Goering's hands. The Nazis are now rushing preparations for the "trial" of Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party on the charges of "high treason," which carries the death penalty.

Marine Worker Held for Deportation

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—Comrade Romanoff, local organizer of the Marine Workers Industrial Union was arrested with other charges in the hall of the union last week and after being taken to jail was turned over to the Immigration officials. A delegation of marine workers and International Labor Defense members went immediately to demand his release and were told he is being held for deportation. Bail is \$500.

A demonstration by the union and the I. L. D. is called for Monday, Feb. 12, in front of the Immigration offices demanding Romanoff's release, and that persecution of other workers cease. At the same time resolutions will

Hughie Dickerson Sought

Hughie Dickerson, about 40 years old, light complexioned, five foot eight inches tall, shaggy haired, wears thick glasses; former literature agent of the San Pedro Workers Center has disappeared and has not been heard from in several weeks. Anyone who knows his whereabouts should communicate with the comrades at the Workers Center, 246 6th St., San Pedro, Calif.

be sent to the City Council demanding that the police cease their campaign of picking up unemployed workers on the street and fingerprinting and Bertillonizing them.

Worker Delegation Visits Becker in Centralia Prison

GREETINGS SUPPORT OF WORKERS; DESERTED BY I. W. W.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 9.—"I am sure the workingclass will rally with mass support behind my fight for freedom," Ray Becker, last of the Centralia victims remaining in prison declared on Monday to a committee at Walla Walla penitentiary.

The committee of six, including Revels Cayton and attorney Irving Green, of the International Labor Defense and M. Rapoport, district organizer of the Communist Party, came to confer with Becker regarding the mass campaign the I. L. D. is initiating for his release. Becker has been refused a parole, requested by a grand jury and is innocent of any crime in defending himself during the Centralia massacre when American Legionnaires attacked the I. W. W. hall in 1917. He refused to give up his right to discuss the case openly, if it came before a court.

Wants Mass Fight Becker, recently turned his case over to the I. L. D. to be fought along lines of militant mass struggle which has held back the legal lynching of the lives of the Scottsboro Negro boys and won countless other victories. For fourteen years in Walla Walla prison, Becker has been deserted by the leadership of the now degenerate I. W. W.

The delegation, which traveled from Portland and Seattle, was at first refused permission to see Becker, but finally gave way to their determined insistence and allowed them all, in pairs, to visit Becker.

South Bay Woman's Council on Job

HAWTHORNE, Cal., Feb. 12.—Unemployed workers applying for medical treatment at the clinic have had to wait a week to have broken ribs and fingers set, and receive no dental treatment until a tooth is so far gone it has to be pulled.

The new South Bay Women's Council with a membership of fifteen after only two weeks of organization, is planning a fish for prompt and efficient medical care for the unemployed, and for better relief.

S. L. P. Pays Visit to Modesto

MODESTO, Cal., Jan. 26.—The state organizer of the Secretariat Socialist Labor Party spoke before an audience of party members and sympathizers in Modesto last Saturday night, in what turned out to be a two-hour tirade against the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

It took the S. L. P. rantier but a few minutes to explain the so-called "program" of the fake party and the rest of the time he spent in throwing mud at the Party of Lenin.

The faker denied the necessity for a dictatorship of the proletariat in this country and quoted Karl Marx, all in one breath. He advocated a policy of waiting, wherein the workers are to starve and die by the millions while waiting for capitalism to fall.

When the disgusting tirade was finally concluded, the "speaker" called for questions from the audience and only answered the impudence of the speaker.

Disregarding the several C. P. members who attended the meeting, there was not a worker in the audience. Most of those present were of the type described by Lenin as "persons who are willing to give an evening a week to the cause of the Revolution."

But even these were thoroughly disgusted with the manner in which the S. L. P. philosopher waded through the subject, a stilted that could only have been developed out of long practice in such tactics.

Women Poisoned on L. A. CWA Meals

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—Poisoned by government food served on the CWA sewing project in American Legion Hall on Ave. 55, all the women workers on this project were taken home Saturday. This meal was one of the lunches served on this project, for which the women have to pay.

On this job, a collection is regularly taken from among the workers to buy the materials on which they work, but none of them ever receives the finished products.

World Events and Western Workers

By Geo. Morris

The Spirit of the Paris Commune Comes Back — Background of French Events

Marsellaise Gives Way to International — Communists Take Lead on the Streets — French Imperialism Shaken to Its Foundation

1,500,000 Jobless France, always short of labor, now has more than a million and a half unemployed. Only 300,000 receive any benefits. The situation is really more serious than that of the French capitalists were hoping to avert the experience of the other countries by placing as many on part time as possible — spreading starvation.

Another, and most recent contributing factor, is that France has the only major imperialist power, on the gold standard. Since inflation in the other countries, as in the United States, continually reduced the gold content in their currency, to make prices cheaper, to stimulate exports, the French prices soon became distinguished as the highest on the market. French exports, already declining, dropped even faster. Coupled with this it should be remembered that a large part of the exports are luxury articles, for which the demand diminished due to the crisis.

Exports were always a larger percentage of French total economy than in the case of any of the other big powers. To be able to meet the ever-keen competition, the French capitalists shifted the burden onto the backs of the workers, with wage cuts and speed-ups.

Finally, the seriousness of the crisis, gave rise to a serious budgetary crisis. The diminution of government revenues was contrasted by the greatest military expenditures in the history of the country, for after all, everything must be ready for the only capitalist way out of the crisis — war.

Since May 1933, six cabinets tried to solve the situation, but the only result was parliamentary wrangling, while starvation increased, and capitalist democracy was becoming totally discredited in the eyes of the masses. In the midst of all this, the Stavisky affair, bringing out the connection between the government and the swindlers, fanned the atmosphere to a white heat.

where the American Federation of Labor made the promise on the eve of the crisis that there will be no strikes against wage cuts, the French workers were more under revolutionary influence. The Communist Party was much stronger than was ours at the beginning of the organized labor movement in this country, and a large many in basic industry were in the Red Unitarian Federation of Labor. The recent 1871, French history was one of revolution further, in which the workingclass people and the poor played a most active role. This is what made France the school from which Marx and later Lenin derived the most essential revolutionary lessons, and the theory of the class struggle.

Of greatest significance in the recent developments is the active part played by the impoverished and bankrupt peasants. The French peasants, a relatively bigger factor than in other countries, since the backbone of reaction. The chief reason for this is that the "Great French Revolution" was the most complete of any in Europe. To a greater degree than any other revolutions against feudalism, it transferred the land to the peasants. French agriculture was always parcelled out in many small holdings—in some cases as little as one-quarter of an acre to a farm. The rapid growth of cities, and the difficulty of introducing large-scale farming methods, limited stimulation by the French government.

But the advent of the crisis came like a flood and washed down all the dams and dykes to stall it. When the French farms which generally remain in the same family for many generations, are being sold for taxes and debts, the French peasant also changes from a support to reaction to a support for revolution. Resistance to farm sales is developing rapidly.

Prepare Fascism The upsurge of the French masses was no surprise to the French bourgeoisie. For months, preparations were being made for it. Fascist organizations were arising from all directions. Fascism was expressed in almost all the capitalist, and even the Socialist, parties. It took the form of a wing which demanded a "strong government," a "strong man" and for reforms such as would gradually introduce fascism. Even the remnants of the monarchists came forth with a fascist program. The deadlock situation in the French Chamber helped these tendencies greatly. In that situation, we have the best proof that "Fascism is a natural product of bourgeois democracy."

The Stavisky scandal was seized upon by the fascist elements as an opportunity to direct the masses for the overthrow of the present government. They knew how Hitler utilized similar scandals in Germany for grist to his demagogic propaganda mill before taking power, even promising the closing of the stock exchange.

In the earliest stages, when the masses took to the streets, we saw the veteran organization, the Young Patriots, both fascist, taking a prominent part. But their efforts were soon defeated.

The Communist Party called upon the working masses to come out immediately against advancing fascism. And its call was answered. The masses led by the Communists defied the efforts of the Socialist Party to postpone anti-fascist action to Monday. Postponement means aiding the dictatorship.

The Universal Press correspondent in very few words reports the situation during the second day as follows. We also give the head as it appears in the S. F. Examiner, as it tells the story.

FRENCH HYMN GIVES WAY TO RADICAL SONG

Youths Singing "Internationale" Take Place of Older Men in Second Day Fray in Paris

"Paris, Feb. 7th.—"Sing the 'Communist Internationale' not the 'Marsellaise'." That was the cry that spread through the mob of Paris tonight as they clashed with foot and mounted germans.

"The composition of the mob presented a marked contrast to last night's mobs. . . . The younger element is now dominant whereas on Tuesday (though the most violent then) were youthful and irresponsible—the majority seemed older and more dignified men."

"The Communist newspaper 'Humanite' in a single sheet special edition tonight called for Communists to 'defy the effort of the bourgeoisie to stifle the workers' revolt,' and demanded a united front against Fascism and capitalism."

Masses Learning Task This is the way, under the leadership of the Communists, the masses greet the new "strong government" headed by Doumergue, the "idol" of France.

From all indications, even in the bourgeois reports, it took them only several hours to learn that Doumergue will only collect together all the former premiers and others who proved themselves the best watchdogs of French imperialism, for a dictatorship. As in the case of Austria it is not to be called fascism but is to be the same thing, anyway.

At this writing, the revolt in Paris, has spread to the important centers in France and a general strike is scheduled for Monday. The Communist Party's call for a united front obviously has taken root in the masses and even the reactionary leaders in the trade unions and the Socialist Party are compelled to agree

to the scheduled manifestations against fascism.

Of course, Leon Jouhaux, secretary of the reactionary Federation of Labor, assured Doumergue that the strike will only be a peaceful protest for one day. The "Socialists" presented the disgraceful spectacle of voting confidence in the Deladier cabinet, the very one that ordered the shootings on the masses. The excuse they gave is the same as that used by the German Social-Democratic leaders, who supported Hindenburg, "defending the French people's freedom." They are really helping capitalist democracy to give birth to fascism.

Advance for World Revolution

It is very difficult to predict what the outcome of the present events will be. "But we had to rely mainly on capitalist news reports. But we do know that our Communist Party has made great progress during the past year. The French workers have learned very much from the events in Germany, Austria and other countries."

The fact that the imperialists had to bring in colonial Negro troops in order to mow down the masses, shows that the home military forces could not be depended upon. This is due to the fact that our French Young Communist League always held first place among all the others in its work among the armed forces. They will yet find an approach to these troops, who are fooled into defending their oppressors.

Party Convention Discussion Section

WE SHOULD NOT FEAR TO BRING OUR PARTY FORWARD

Lessons of the Imperial Valley Strike

In the Feb. 5th issue of the Western Worker Comrade Lambert said that in the face of great strike struggles led by the Trade Union Unity League in the past year, the growth of the Communist Party has been insignificant. I should like to offer what I think is largely responsible for this situation.

Throughout the few days that I was in the San Joaquin Valley during the cotton strike, during which numerous meetings were held, I did not hear one speaker explain the role of the Communist Party, or connect up the strike with the revolutionary movement.

At Camp Corcoran, during a meeting, I asked a Mexican comrade if anyone was going to explain the role of the Party. He looked startled and, lowering his voice, said: "Sh-h! Don't talk about that here. It's too early to bring out the Communist Party yet. Lots of the strikers are antagonistic to it."

Hide Western Worker
I asked him if those were orders from the Party, and he said, "Yes." This was toward the end of the strike when the ranks of the strikers were solid. They had the police and authorities on the run, and part of the demands had already been won.

The Western Worker was being sold nowhere except in union headquarters in Tulare, and aside from there I saw none being read. Occasionally, one could be seen sticking out of the back pocket of a union organizer.

How are we ever going to make our Party grow and recruit members into it if we don't present it to the workers and sell our newspapers to them? Do we expect the masses of strikers to see by some sort of clairvoyance that it is the Communist Party that is leading them and not just an admired Pat Chambers who happens, incidentally, to be a Communist? How are they to know that it is the Communist Party and Communist-led organizations that mobilize relief and sympathy for them from all over the country, and defends them in the courts, if these things are not brought home to them?

Even if it were true, which it is not, that a strike would be more successful through hiding the face of the Party, what is gained by a strike which does not further the growth of the Party, no matter how successful the strike is? It seems absolutely criminal to me that all the sacrifice including death, and all the effort that was put into the cotton strike was wasted to cause a great extent, merely because our Party comrades taking part in the strike failed to see the necessity of presenting the Party to the strikers. The breaking up of the union since then may in turn be due to the failure to recruit the most active elements into the Party.

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PARTY DISCUSSION OPENED

The articles printed in this section mark the opening of the pre-convention discussion, which will continue until the national Party convention on April 3rd.

The following points should be borne in mind by comrades sending in articles:

(1) State if they are intended for the pre-convention discussion.
(2) No anonymous letters will be considered. State what unit you belong to.

(3) In order that there be adequate opportunity for the largest number of comrades to take part in the discussion, articles should be made as short as possible. All under 300 words will be given first choice.

(4) While one should not hesitate to take issue with articles or policies, comrades should refrain from making personal attacks, and be constructive.

(5) The Theses of the Central Committee and the Communist International should not be regarded as something outside of our district, but we should test the points within each by our own direct experience.

Greetings to Our DISTRICT PLENUM OF THE I. W. O.

We are sure it will mark a beginning towards a rapid advance for a powerful workers fraternal order on the Coast. The achievements of our organizations, now with more than 40,000 members, a reserve of \$520,000, and active participation in all struggles should be convincing proof to a worker that this is where he or she should join.

JEWISH BR. 150, Petaluma. SOUTH SLAV BR. 623, East Bay.
JEWISH BR. 190, Oakland. HUNGARIAN BR. 1004, S. F.
JEWISH BR. 119, San Francisco. HUNGARIAN BR. 1038, Oakland.
ENGLISH BR. 599, San Francisco. YOUTH BRANCH, Berkeley.
ENGLISH BR. 666, Berkeley. Harry Simms Children's Br., S.F.
ENGLISH BR. 780, Sacramento.

The combined greeting fund of these branches made possible the distribution of this issue of the Western Worker to thousands of workers in Northern Calif. as part of the drive to build the IWO.

NEED OF JEWISH IWO CHILDRENS SCHOOL PROVEN

Extending greetings to the District Plenum of the I. W. O., the Jewish Children's Workers School of the I. W. O. in San Francisco points out that it now has 30 children. Contrary to the opinions of many that the idea of a language school is detrimental, the school is filling a need in the labor movement. Although the children are native-born, their parents in a desire to teach them in the Jewish language and culture, would otherwise send them to the nationalistic and religious schools, where they would get a training that would pit them against the parents and the interests of the workers.

In the school the children are trained along lines of proletarian art, culture and singing.

For that reason, parents who desire to place their children in a Jewish school are urged to send them to this one, where they will be brought up in the true spirit of the class-struggle.

I. L. D. Forming Mexican Branches

COLTON, Cal., Feb. 6.—Party Mexican workers here organized into an International Labor Defense branch which they named after D'Avila, the worker who was murdered in the San Joaquin cotton strike.

I. L. D. branches have been organized also in Riverside and Redlands, and the San Bernardino branch is organizing.

By E. H.

Two months before the Imperial Valley lettuce strike was called, the District Committee sent in field organizers to check up on the conditions there and to prepare for a struggle.

At this time, workers from other sections of the State who had participated in strikes under our leadership, were moving into Imperial Valley to work in the lettuce fields. Many of these came from the cotton fields. Conditions in the Valley were so unbearable that the workers under their own initiative had two spontaneous local strikes before we came in. They had been forced to work for ten, seventeen and twenty-two cents an hour.

It was agreed that the Los Angeles and San Diego sections were to be responsible for concentrating on the Valley. Our field organizers made a real beginning five weeks before the strike, and in the first week alone we succeeded in concentrating groups of workers in nine towns and in some of the camps—workers who were ready for organization and to fight.

Mexican Consul Brought In

Out of the 7,000 workers, 2,000 were Filipino, about 1,000 American, and about 4,000 Mexican workers. At this time, with the help of the growers, the Mexican Consul had already established an organization with a membership of about 500 Mexican workers in the highest town in the valley, Brawley, and the workers in the Valley were looking to this organization for leadership. They did not know that its purpose was to mislead them and to prevent us from bringing the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union into the Valley.

We immediately organized, inside of the Mexican organization, an opposition group of C. & A. W. I. members.

On the basis of the reaction of the workers against the value of the conditions and their instant response to our program of struggle, plus information that the peak of the lettuce season would be reached during the first week of January, the tentative strike day was set for January 8th.

We worked out plans for organizing locals of our Union in all the towns. Because of the terror, these groups had to work very cautiously.

Chief Mistake

Here the first weaknesses of our organizers appeared. Instead

of concentrating on organization, they became satisfied with the militancy and the willingness of the workers for struggle, and, taking the line of least resistance, failed to carry out plans for establishing organization in all sections of the Valley. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THEY AGITATED THE WORKERS FOR A STRIKE INSTEAD OF EMPHASIZING ORGANIZATION SO AS TO PREPARE FOR A STRIKE.

5,000 Out

On the first day, January 8th, over 3,000 workers were involved in the strike around Brawley, El Centro, Holtville and Calexico. On the second day of the strike, about 5,000 workers were involved. After that, only around Brawley did the number of strikers and workers increase, because around Brawley we had broader organizational preparations than anywhere else in the Valley.

Meetings were held once and twice a day, and from two to three thousand workers participated in each until the fifth day of the strike, when hundreds of State highway patrolmen, county and city police, American Legionnaires, and other fascist thugs, attacked the union hall where 2,000 workers—men, women and children—were meeting. Gas bombs were hurled and exploded inside, the doors were locked; the workers were forced to break windows and doors in order to escape. The Union's technical equipment was taken, and the relief kitchen was seized and closed.

Maintain Militancy

But these vicious attacks and the arrest of hundreds of strikers did not decrease the militancy of the strikers. Smaller meetings were held in private houses, pool-rooms, in the fields; and pickets were organized locally.

The workers in some places were forced to choose between going to work or going to jail. The growers, knowing the fighting spirit of the workers, began in some fields to pay 25c an hour to the pickets.

Because of not having local responsible committees in all the towns and camps and the impossibility of the central strike committee consolidating the strike because of the extreme intensified terror, and being unable to maintain picket lines, the central strike committee and the Union decided on the last day of the strike, Jan. 18th, to call the strike off to let the strikers back into the fields, to carry on intensified organizational activity in preparation for future successful struggles.

Shortcomings of the Strike

(1) The Los Angeles and San

TRADE UNION NOTES

T.U.U.L. State Committee Meeting

The State Committee of the Trade Union Unity League has been called for Sunday, Feb. 18th at Los Angeles. It is planned to hold separate conferences after a short session of the State Committee, at which the workers representing various industries can plan their work on a state-wide scale. All delegates are to report at the Labor Union Hall, 546 South Los Angeles St. at 9 a. m. Sunday morning. The Los Angeles Trade Union Council is planning a welcome affair the night of the 17th at the Labor Union Hall and many delegates are looking forward to arriving early in order to attend.

Miscellaneous, 110, Organizes Filipinos

The A. F. of L. union of Miscellaneous Employees has started a drive to organize the Filipino dishwashers, barbers and bus boys of San Francisco. It is not stated whether or not they will constitute a separate section of the union as is the usual procedure of the A. F. of L. in organizing oriental or other races. This union which was recently recognized by San Francisco bosses has won a minimum wage of \$3.16 per day and an eight-hour day. Leaflets circulated in the Filipino language are being put out.

San Diego—

Boat Committees and Shop Committees are organized in the largest canneries in San Diego by the Fishermen & Cannery Workers Industrial Union to combat the slave conditions in which fishermen can wind up a season of work by owing the company money. Included in the large canneries where organization is beginning to take hold are the Van Camps, Cohn & Hopkins, and Westgate.

Leather Workers Call Meeting

A group of leather workers in San Francisco met recently to discuss organization in the Shoe & Leather Workers Industrial Union. Several hundred workers in this industry are looking forward to the Trade Union Unity League union for a militant program against wage-outs and the speed-up and for a decent living wage.

Our Next Steps

(1) Our first task is to establish responsible functioning local leadership in every important section of the Valley, and through it form C. & A. W. I. locals in every town, camp committees, field committees, shed committees.

(2) To prepare to strike during the largest crop only on the basis of proper preparation of the workers in every field and every category, and not to agitate strike and then organization.

International Workers Order Passes 40,000 Mark

Workers Fraternal Benefit Organization Grows — Boss-Controlled Orders Lose Members

The International Workers Order has just completed a successful recruiting drive which brings the total membership to over 40,000 members. The Order had started with 5,000 members in 1929. It has thus established a record of growth unequalled by any other fraternal organization, and at a time when virtually every fraternal order is losing members, many even heading towards bankruptcy.

To the great surprise of all capitalist experts on fraternal organizations, the I. W. O. although born during the initial stages of the crisis, has promptly paid all benefits, has a reserve fund of more than \$520,000 and has reduced its dues rates to the lowest among the major fraternal organizations.

The capitalist-controlled fraternal organizations present a contrasting picture. Because of the thousands that have dropped from their membership, no longer able to pay, increase in dues and even special assessments had to be levied in order to be able to meet the obligations of the organization, especially to pay the increased sick and death benefit demands. Payments are often stopped because the organization's funds have been recklessly invested in some enterprise which has gone bankrupt, or whose stock has depreciated greatly. Often the fakers at the head have used the organization's funds for making investments to aid their own private interests. This in addition to paying themselves high salaries, hoarding the overhead of the organization to an immense percentage.

No Social Insurance in U. S.

The reason fraternal orders have such a great membership in the United States, is because of the almost total absence of social insurance benefits given through the government. As in the case of unemployment, so in the case of sickness, disability, or death, it is the workers own individual responsibility for himself and his dependents. If he is to insure himself for any such benefits, it is totally at his own expense.

The capitalist class has no objection to the workers providing themselves with benefits at their own expense. In fact the bosses even place their own agents at the head of fraternal organizations to guide them along lines that will uphold the present system of society. Above all they consider the organizations as useful instruments through which to detract the attention of the workers from the struggle for social insurance at the expense of the bosses and the government.

The fraternal organizations prove to be a good instrument through which to link masses with the political or religious movements of the bosses. That is why they are usually based on either a nationality, religion, or race. Often the basis is some mystical illusion, accompanied by a most ridiculous conduct at meetings, made even more foolish by the costumes, or the caste system that places those who pay most in the best light.

Especially most recently, the movement for injecting the disease of fascism into the fraternal organizations, is destroying what little fraternal character there may be left in them. In the case of the German organizations in Los Angeles, we witnessed the spectacle of a court case against Nazi agents in America who have failed their election into the most prominent positions.

Chief Function—Benefits

The major function of the I. W. O. is never-the-less, to give its members the cheapest sick, disability and death benefits. What do you get and what do you pay in child, I. W. O.?

Death insurance ranges from \$150 to \$2,000. Sick benefits are furnished in amounts of \$4, \$6, \$8 and \$10 per week. These are optional. The monthly dues for each of the sick insurance amounts are \$2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c. To get the full \$2,000 to pay the death insurance which depends upon the amount insured for and the age. This is a standard table which is set by law and is used by all insurance societies.

For example: One 20-years-old, insured for \$500, and choosing a sick benefit of \$6 would pay 65c plus 24c, or 92c. Usually there is a small amount added monthly, to detract the expenses of the branch (rent, postage, etc.) Age men pay in child, I. W. O. items but the death insurance which rises proportionate with age.

Social Insurance Mass Meeting

Franklin Hall, 1859 Fillmore St. Sunday, Feb. 18, 8 p. m.

Speaker N. Schafer of New York National Organizer IWO on "Social Insurance" Dr. M. Korshet IWO Physician on "Workers Health and the IWO" One act Play—other Entertainment Admission free Auspices District Committee of the IWO

3 NEW BRANCHES, DOUBLING OF NO. CALIF. MEMBERS IWO SHOWS

Growth with Little Effort Shows Fine Possibilities for District Meeting of Fraternal Order

By WM. WILKINS (District Secretary of the I. W. O.)

The Plenary Session of the District Committee of the International Workers Order in Northern California, records the organization of three new branches, and an almost doubling of the membership. The three new branches are: Sacramento-English, East Bay-South Slavic, and Berkeley-Youth.

Harry Simms IWO Childrens Branch Reports Progress

"Harry Simms Branch 48-J greets the District Committee of Northern California I. W. O. on the occasion of the first District Plenum and wishes great accomplishments."

"W. Levites, Sec'y."

Harry Simms Br. 48-J is in existence only one year. For this short period our branch, although small in number, is doing good work. We are selling 25 copies of the New Pioneer every month. We have put up 2 co-act plays with which the audience was pleased with both the contents of they play and the way in which we staged it.

We are going to put up another play at the Social Insurance mass meeting. We have a basketball team which meets every Saturday at 12 o'clock at 121 Haight St.

Workers children, join us! It is for your own interest as well as for the workingclass. The dues are only 5c a week and you get an insurance policy for it. We meet every Tuesday, 7 p. m. at 1740 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco.

Fine Opportunities

At this moment we have an opportunity to form new branches, especially in Santa Cruz, San Jose, and Port Chicago. In addition, new unions have come into existence such as the Fishermen's union, interested in the workers' insurance, which arrangements should not be difficult. There are groups of workers as in the case of the railroad industry, where protection which they had for a long time, was withdrawn, and now they are getting insurance from the I. W. O.

Our district meetings, with the help of the national organizer of the I. W. O., here on tour, should be able to effect a turning point in our work. We should immediately launch the widest educational campaign to be followed by organization of a branch in many towns, neighborhoods and in several languages.

The I. W. O. District Office at 1740 O'Farrell St. is now able to furnish literature explaining clearly the conditions for joining, rates, etc. As a result of the plenum, a more active group of organizers should be put into action, following up every opportunity for a branch.

workers not yet touched by the militant workers organizations. The plenum decisions should result in the widest campaign to popularize the I. W. O. If this is carried through, and the workers get to know what the I. W. O. stands for, we will have an organization in California such as will rival the largest of the eastern districts.

Sections in All Languages

The I. W. O. is really international in composition. It unites sections, including many nationalities. The branches conduct their affairs in their own language, and are guided in their cultural and organizational activity by a special National Bureau of their own nationality.

It is because the I. W. O. offers these benefits, has paid them regularly, has not been burdened with a long staff of over-paid officials, and by its activity won



OUT OF THEIR OWN MOUTHS—

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, today advocated surgical sterilization to protect "America's health and mental soundness."

"I believe sterilization by the knife the only means of protecting our people from idiocy. I have seen three generations of idiots in my temple, and there is nothing to protect the fourth."

The government proposes to buy some surplus eggs for California, and "supply them with wholesome food." By the time they get distributed through the usual rotten channels you can guess who they will have proved wholesome for.

Investigation into the New York city administration discloses a city clerk who drew full pay for six years and worked a total of seven months. Experts are uncertain whether this is a bad example or a good one.

BRIGHT SAYINGS OF CHILDREN:

"What our country needs is not birth control but more little mouths to eat our surpluses."

—Rev. Coughlin.

"The Bellbrook Dairies, at Howard and Eight St., S. F., having scabbled on all their recent alterations, installations and repair work, only need the Blue Bazaar, and Roosevelt picture to make the line-up complete," writes B. M.

A new laundry customer is being formed, according to reports from Washington. In addition to the remnants of the night-shirts, and the White Shirts, the Brown Shirts, the faded Blue Shirts and the Silver Shirts, rumor has it that there is being formed the Stuffed Shirts, composed of congressmen, senators and other politicians.

"We can't afford to pay higher wages in Alaska. The men are satisfied," declares the Alaska Packers Assn., in connection with the suits of 500 workers against the conditions in the A. P. B. canneries. Last year they made a net of more than \$360,000.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Ernest and Comfort are the two head fakers of the Tacoma Welfare outfit. But Comfort was everything else but, when the unemployed came to him for relief while Ernest proved his earnestness by making himself scarce.

A comrade passing the S. F. City Hall noticed a crew of CWA workers chipping at the stone steps at the entrance.

"What's the idea?" she asked, "are the foundations giving away?"

"No, ma'am," one answered, "but some of the ones inside are slipping."

The L. W. W. favor industrial unionism and are against every union except the ones they used to have.

Austrian Fighting

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munist Party issued, and seeing themselves completely thrown out by the fascists who used them until now, therefore called the strike. The starting point was when the Social-Democrats, who received 66% of the Vienna vote, and ruled it since the war, were overthrown to give up all governing positions to appointed fascists.

The Communist Party is working most actively among the masses, most of whom are still in the Social-Democratic Party and the trade unions under its leadership. The call for resistance to fascism, was understood by the masses as a call to revolt. Capture Factories, Police Stations

Severe fighting is taking place in most of the large cities of Austria. The most intense are at Steyr, Bruck an der Mur and Eggenberg, where the huge munitions industry is located. The big arms plant at Steyr is apparently in the hands of the workers, as it is reported that the director and policemen were killed in an attempt to recapture it. The battles around Graz are most serious and will determine the control over Styria. The police station is in the hands of the workers. Eggenberg is reported surrounded by the workers. Very heavy fighting is reported at Linz, the third largest city in Austria. Fighting is reported in all parts of Vienna and the workers captured the police station in the 19th district. Barbed-wire barricades block every avenue in Vienna.

Reports are also flashing about that Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Germany and Yugoslavia are concentrating troops on the Austrian border. While the attempt was being made to disperse the organizations of the workers on the basis of an alleged "unprecedented criminal plot of Marxist and Bolshevik elements," Chancellor Dollfuss was in Hungary, conferring with Premier Benes of Czechoslovakia. Obviously this is anticipation that outside intervention may be needed.

French Revolt

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There was an enthusiastic response, and through the entire week-end there were clashes on the streets of Paris and other centers of France. The fascists were driven off the streets and the 'Marseillaise' was replaced by the 'Internationale'.

1,000,000 in General Strike Spreads Through France

The highest point in the mighty struggle against fascism was when the general one-day strike of one million made the most complete tie-up any country ever experienced—the masses poured out to demonstrate on the street, and although about 35,000 troops were concentrated in Paris, the government did not dare attempt to resist the demonstrators.

Headed by the Communist Party, it was the greatest demonstration Paris ever saw—250,000 at Cours de Vincennes in the heart of the workingclass districts. The most prominent feature of the grand procession was the long column of well organized, and disciplined young communists, marching 24 abreast, singing the 'Internationale'.

The demonstration was literally drenched with red flags, and the militancy shown by the workers indicated clearly that the spirit of the Paris Commune was again caught by the French masses.

The Socialists, together with the General Confederation of Labor (as the A. F. of L.) leaders led a separate demonstration in the Place de la Nation in which according to even the exaggerated capitalist reports there were 50,000, who soon tired of the dry speeches which called upon the masses to hold on to "their liberties and the republic," and melted away—a contrast to the huge enthusiastic, well organized throng that covered the Cours de Vincennes.

Throughout France the same spirit prevails. In Lille, a textile and mining region, 5,600 workers paraded, headed by the Communists and included a battalion of "workers defense militia" carrying 100 red flags, and with 30 bands playing the Internationale. Battles between the workers and police are now taking place in many cities including Marseilles, and Dunquerque, where the militant dock workers have set up barricades. Barricades have been set up in many suburban parts of Paris, and battles are taking place at many points. The Socialist Party and reactionary trade union leaders are endeavoring to limit the manifestations against fascism to tame protests, and will be confronted with the one-day strike, but apparently this has proven a total failure.

The present revolt is the first big test for the French Communist Party since its inception, and its prestige is rising tremendously as by the courage of its members, it has launched the first big counter-offensive against the advance of fascism in Europe.

General Electric

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enormous wages paid by General Electric to its employees, a discharged worker quickly becomes in need of the kind offices of the Community Chest.

What the General Electric Co. workers need is a strong Industrial Union in order to effectively fight such tactics. The employees of this shop are forced to come to the shop every morning, there to wait hour after hour for work. If nothing shows up they return home, some of them across the bay, without any pay. Next day the same thing is repeated. A strong Industrial Union would put a stop to this, also.

It is recommended that the organizer of the Metal Workers' Union contact this shop. This writer knows that the men are ripe for organization—he is personally acquainted with many of them—they are thoroughly disgusted with shop conditions.

—Worker Correspondent.

Demonstration in East Bay March 4

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the pace on these non-productive projects. The call issued by the C. W. I. U., the following appeal is made:

"C. W. A. workers—to stop the speed-up, to prevent lay-offs, support the C. W. I. U. and the March 4 demonstration.

"Unemployed—to secure Federal Unemployment and Social Insurance support the C. W. I. U. and the March 4 demonstration.

"Workers—the blow at CWA wages is an attempt to cut yours. Support the C. W. I. U. and the March 4 demonstration."

BERKELEY: Mobilized Women's Hall, University and 10th, on Tuesday.

OAKLAND: McClymonds School, 26th and Myrtle, Wednesday.

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Spartacus Club (Greek)	1.00
Friend	4.94
Unit 17	5.00
Unit 6	20.00
Water Front Section, Jones	.25
Unit 4	.50
Unit 19	7.15
Unit 23	14.50
EAST BAY: Unit 3	.60
Oakland Section	8.63
CONTRA COSTA SECTION:	7.44
FRESNO: Film Collection	5.00
SAN DIEGO: Unit 5	7.00
MONTEREY: Santa Cruz	1.00
MERCED: Livingston Film Collection	2.00
SACRAMENTO: Modesto	3.58
SANTA BARBARA:	3.50
TOTAL FOR 8th WEEK	\$ 161.87
Previously Acknowledged	\$3,179.62
TOTAL TO DATE	\$3,341.49

SUBSCRIBERS' ARMY—

Los Angeles	61
San Francisco	14
East Bay	19
Sacramento	6
San Luis Obispo	8
Monterey	1
Eureka	3
San Jose	2
San Diego	2
Richmond	1
Nevada	3
District 12	2
Misellaneous	1
TOTAL THIS WEEK	123
Previously acknowledged	769
TOTAL FOR DRIVE	892

Imp. Valley Strike

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Chambers, Stanley Hancock and Dorothy Ray facing trial Friday Feb. 16, for activity in the lettuce strike, defense funds are badly needed. Rush funds to International Labor Defense, 852-8th Ave., San Diego.

CALIPATRIA, Cal., Feb. 13.—Undaunted by the lettuce strike terror, still fresh in their minds, 3,000 pea pickers in this region again came out on strike, under the leadership of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union, this time demanding two cents per pound for picking peas instead of 1c paid now.

Pickets on trucks are combing every field in the valley. About 40% of the workers out are native Americans, the rest are Mexican. The tie-up is complete as thus far only 30 scabs are known to be working. The growers admit receiving from 4 to 5 cents per pound.

Two arrests are reported so far. The valley papers have immediately swung into action trying to incite a new wave of terror. Thirty-five special deputies have been sworn in to date and are active in trying to stop the spread of the strike.

A. F. of L. Trying to Split Ranks

The A. F. of L. is entering the field in an endeavor to break the strike by sending down a Mexican member of the Office Workers Union to organize the agricultural workers into another union. In the recent Federal investigation the growers agreed that they had no objection to an A. F. of L. union, but wanted no militant one such as the C. & A. W. I. U.

A stool-pigeon named Earl Cox, recently expelled from the Communist Party in San Diego, has come to Brawley and is trying to gain the confidence of the workers there. He is cross-eyed, about 5 feet 6 inches, about 140 pounds, and with blonde curly hair. As he has no connection with the Party or the union, and is believed to be in police pay, workers are warned to beware of him.

Trial Continues

In the trial of Clarence Lynch, International Labor Defense attorney, Emma Cutler, I. L. D. organizer and Chas. Hoffman at El Centro for activity in the lettuce pickers strike, the first five days were spent in exhausting two jury panels without selecting a jury. On it were Mrs. Gilet, matron in the woman's jail, Rambo, American Legion commander, Henderson, editor of the strike-breaking Calexico Chronicle and Goring, member of the C. W. A. board, as well as many big growers and ranchers. Grover Johnson, I. L. D. attorney, got

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OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 19.—When the men lay off any of the CWA jobs for sickness or anything else they lose pay for that time or must make it up. But when on the Lake Chabot Road job, how different it is for the bosses.

A strawboss named Mays was off two days when another boss went about among the men begging donations for him, saying he was ill. He collected \$40 from the afternoon crew of this one job alone. Mays was back next day, quite all right.

The recent exposure in the Western Worker of the petty rackets of the bosses put a stop to them—in fact, the boss with the raffle tickets returned the money he had high-jacked out of the men.

Workers in all towns! Send in stories of wages and conditions to the "Western Worker"!

The panel dismissed. Another panel was exhausted after that. The trial will be resumed Tuesday.

J. Fuentes, Joe Saturno and Elaine Fuller, convicted for activity in the lettuce strike were given thirty days each, while Dickson has been sentenced to 75 days.

Five others have been released—M. Rubalcava, G. Renteries, S. Martinez, Morales and Mendoza.

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Hayward Youth Unit is Active

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HAYWARD, Cal., Feb. 2.—The YCL unit here, which had done splendid work in winning relief for several unemployed families, is now organizing a youth section of the C & A. W. I. U. The unit, more than twenty members, is building a Workers Sports Club as well.

Whereas: The S. E. C. of the S. P. of California has undemocratically revoked the charters of three locals against the advice of the N. E. C. and without preferring charges, granting trials or stating the reasons for revocation.

Whereas: Certain leaders of the S. P. in California have indicated their preference for political opportunism over the principles of socialism, and

Whereas: Individual members of the Party have been expelled for the expression of legitimate opinions, and

Whereas: The name of the S. P. is being defiled by the refusal of the right wing to build the workingclass movement by participating in United Front movements.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the members of the rank and file committee assembled at Los Angeles, Feb. 1, 1934, hereby repudiate and expel from the S. P. of California the right wing elements at present in power in the illegal convention, and for the present those who unfortunately are being misled by them."

Darcy Greeted

Before proceeding to business, the delegates invited to address them the committee which had been refused the floor by the right wing group. As spokesman for the delegation from the Communist Party, which included Pat Chambers, Sam Darcy, district organizer, urged an immediate united front of all workingclass parties and organizations in order to wage a successful fight against the growing menace of Fascism and war. This menace is real, declared Darcy, and it is high time that the Communist Party and the Socialist Party got together in some kind of organized fashion to withstand it. If the political opportunists now in charge of the Socialist Party will not cooperate to that end, then the members of the rank and file of the Party should take action.

Darcy's speech was received with prolonged applause.

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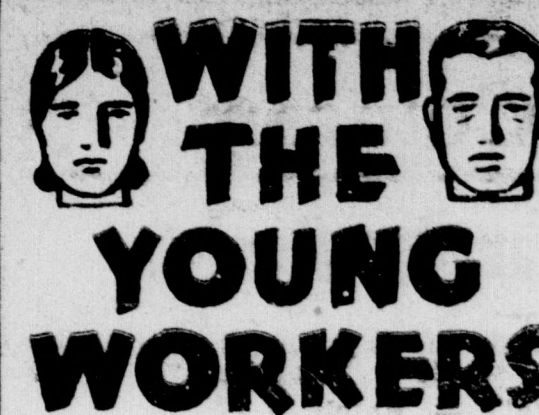
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Archie Brown's Tour to Feature War Pictures

The tour arranged by the Young Communist League for Archie Brown will be featured by war pictures that will fully illustrate what the workers can expect from the coming war. Comrade Brown will expose the hypocritical cries of "Preparedness for Peace" which the capitalist newspapers are trying to put over on the working class.

His tour begins in Oakland on February 10th, 8 p. m. at 645 22nd St. He will be in Berkeley February 11th, Hayward Feb. 12th, Stockton Feb. 13th, Vacaville Wednesday Feb. 14th, Sacramento Feb. 15th, Chico Feb. 16th and Eureka Feb. 19th.

Following dates in next issue.

Anti-War Meetings Feb. 18th in S. F.

Exposing the purpose of the Preparedness day parades called by Governor Rolph, the Young Communist League and Communist Party have arranged Anti-War Mass Meetings for Feb. 18th. These mass meetings will have as their central slogan the demand that all war funds be turned over to the unemployed. A series of street meetings will precede the mass meetings.

Places where meetings will be held follow:

Downtown at 427 Market St. under auspices of YCL, CP and Marine Workers Industrial Union.

Mission—place indefinite. Fillmore—1223 Fillmore St. North Beach—1249 Grant Ave.

9 Clubs Answered LSU Basketball Call

Nine teams were represented at a basketball conference called by the Labor Sports Union of San Francisco on February 6 at 121 Haight St. The teams showed great enthusiasm about the basketball league organized there, each one is confident of winning the tournament.

Initiation fee was set at \$1.50 a team. Gold basketballs will be given to the members of the winning team. There is still time for a few teams to enter. The next meeting is on Feb. 13, at the same place. Final schedule will be announced next week in this column. In addition, the championship club in the city will stand a chance of going to the National Basketball Tournament, arranged by the Labor Sports Union for April 15.

Hi-D Program Big Success

In spite of unforeseen conflict in dates, the program given by the Hi-D Club was a big success. The program consisted of Hi-D tumblers, many musical numbers, and outside speaker, a short satirical play "Oscar Sapp", the Hi-D drill team, with a dance and refreshments after.

Especially successful was the drill team. At present it has a membership of 16. Tumbling was also very successful. The club announces that it is organizing a girls tumbling team.

REFUSE HABEAS CORPUS WRIT TO CITRUS STRIKER

RIVERSIDE, Cal., Feb. 6.—With 300 workers present in the court, the writ of habeas corpus for the ten workers still in Riverside jail in connection with the orange strike, was denied.

They are to be tried on charges framed against them because of their strike activities. Bail has been arranged for only one of these, because the authorities refuse to accept bail of property outside the county. The trial of Dorothy Zadow comes up Feb. 8th. She will try her own case. Workers are being mobilized thru leaflets to attend this trial, and many in other towns in this section are preparing to come.

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WESTERN WORK

Editorial Column

Preparedness Parades Again

"We in California are particularly in any movement for the defense, not only of the nation as a whole but particularly of the shores of our greatest commonwealth." — Rolph.

"As a Pacific Ocean frontier the citizens of San Francisco have ever been alert to the dangers of inadequate preparation . . ."

— Mayor Rossi.

Such are the expressions of the capitalist political leaders on the coast as they launch "Defense Week" to whip up a preparedness hysteria. The main purpose, as the quotations above show, is to turn the West Coast into an armed camp, since the next war will be on the Pacific.

Saturday, the 17th will be marked by a grand display of arms and military, and jingo oratory, bringing to mind the 1916 "Preparedness Parade". The \$11,300,000 battleship "San Francisco" launching is part of the drive.

The most striking feature is the intense agitation campaign, directed with a pacifist appeal—for the sake of maintaining peace. This is also the object in the showing of the horror war pictures. We are told that if we do not want to be the victims of such horrors, then we must prepare to "defend ourselves". Consequently, there should be no objection to over one billion and one hundred million dollars being appropriated for armaments, while millions go hungry. Pacifists, who do not see war as a result of the capitalist system, but merely condemn it as inhuman, horrible, or merely a misunderstanding, easily fall into this trap of the war makers, and give their wholehearted support for militarization. It is such logic that leads to even supporting a war "to end all wars" or, "to save democracy", — the excuse given for the last war.

PACIFISM DANGEROUS IDEOLOGY

This is precisely the reason that the Communists regard pacifism as the most dangerous ideology. It builds up in the minds of the people confidence in the capitalist peace promises, and disarmament conferences. Now when war is very near, and the imperialist powers have dropped even the farcial disarmament conferences, pacifism adapts its ideology to justify armament as the only guarantee for peace. Pacifists are opposed to a militant struggle against war, through such measures as stopping the shipment of munitions, organizing in the munition industries, winning over army or navy men to the side of the workers, etc. Confining their anti-war work to merely advocating "love for peace" only delays those organizational measures that must be taken for an effective fight against war. At the bottom, pacifist leaders are patriots and supporters of capitalism, and as we have witnessed during the last war, in most cases they were the loudest in all jingo campaigns, and used effectively to whip up patriotism.

The fact that pacifists are already lining up with the war mongers should be the most convincing proof that war is near.

TO EXPAND STEEL PLANTS

Coincident with preparedness parades, is the visit to the coast of W. A. Irvin, president of the U. S. Steel Corporation, who announces that several million dollars will be spent to increase the capacity of the Torrance and Pittsburg steel plants in California. This at a time when the steel plants in the east have been operating at less than 35% of capacity. What other reason is there than the development of an efficient war industry on the coast? Certainly no one will believe that there is basis for such expansion on the basis of California's domestic needs.

The capitalist call for preparedness must be countered by the workers call to prepare—but to fight war, and increasing armament. It must stir us to much more intense organization work, thus far so neglected; to organize fighting rank and file unions in the chemical plants of Alameda, Contra Costa, and other parts; in the shipyards such as Mare Island, Union Iron Works & Moore's; in the oil fields around Bakersfield and Long Beach; on the docks and ships through which war materials are transported; and in all war industries.

But there is only one trade union movement that fights war, that which is under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League. JOIN IT!

THE VENTURA GROWERS IN SLANDER OFFENSIVE

Before the coming of the Cannery and Agricultural Workers Industrial Union to Ventura Co., the local authorities carried on the unhampered rule of fascist brutality against the Mexican and Filipino agricultural workers there, breaking into their homes, beating and arresting them without charges, without even the barest form of legality. During the last strike of last August, the terror increased. But the Chief of Police and his slugs were surprised to discover themselves thwarted in their terrorism by the organized action of the Union and the International Labor Defense, which has continued to protect the workers against police and gang tyranny and to expose illegal arrests since that time.

Now the growers and authorities have turned to the next weapon usual in these cases—a campaign against the local press against the workers' leaders. Amongst the most active and faithful leaders in the struggles of the C & AWIU in Oxnard as elsewhere in the state, were members of the Communist Party. The agricultural workers were aware of this fact. The red scare raised by the press was without effect, because the workers could see in these Party members their most reliable guides to effective struggle against the oppressors.

"Courier" Lies

Now the Oxnard "Courier" (is it accidental that this paper has the same title as the official Ku Klux Klan paper?) has begun a campaign of systematic slander against the Communist party, so vile, so vicious, that it can only be compared to that of the rabid Los Angeles Times.

Under the heading "Show Communism in Original Documents of Organization", the Courier promises an "expose" of Communism from original "uncensored" documents, and then proceeds with its barrage of lies—without reference, without documents. There are no such documents, but that fact does not daunt the Courier. "Men must be won to lives of debauchery." "Dissatisfaction must be engendered in the minds of wives against husbands thereby destroying the quietude of family life." "We must popularize vice amongst the multitude." These are offered as quotations from un-named communist literature.

The response of most workers in the organizations to this stuff is laughter. But we must recognize that many who have had

Build Paper, Organizations

It is not enough for us to know these things. Neither is it enough for us to react to these provocations by that honest anger that any man feels when he is lied against, and take our resentment in anger alone. We must build and support the workers' press, we must popularize it and spread it amongst the great masses of American people so that it will replace these venomous sheets that creep into their houses daily under the cloak of "news".

Then Couriers and Times will froth at the mouth to no effect.

—M. G.

THE RIGHT KIND OF PREPAREDNESS

"YEAH? AND THAT'S JUST WHY WE'RE ORGANIZING IT."

"WE ON THE WEST FRONT ARE IN THE WE MUST PREPARE!!!"



Fruits of Capitalism in Flower in Imperial

By Roy T. Layton

With the concentration of wealth, incident to the development of the capitalist system, agriculturally and inevitably the small farmers, along with the petty merchants, in large measure, are being wiped out; most of those who remain are so heavily mortgaged that existence for them is a nightmare. This must be given due consideration. If there is to be a correct analysis and appraisal of all the factors concerned in the recent labor strikes.

Besides the Bank of America, which holds a large number of mortgages, several big power and land companies constitute the coteries of ownership which dominate the agricultural, commercial and political life of the San Joaquin Valley. In the Imperial Valley, in addition to the mortgages held by the banks, probably the biggest holding concern is the Southern Pacific Railway company. Harry Chandler, owner of the Los Angeles Times, is heavily interested in Imperial Valley lands, which partly accounts for the venomous attitude assumed by that paper toward the organizers of the Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union who have been instrumental in uniting the fruit and vegetable workers. Then there are several fruit and vegetable corporations with head offices in Los Angeles.

Bosses Run Courts

Of striking importance is the fact that the sheriff of Imperial County is the owner and operator of a big vegetable farm which employs hundreds of workers. So is the chief of police of Brawley. So are the several judges, including the superior court judge, before whom all striking workers are tried. The interest of these officials in preventing the organization of their employees is plainly seen. Several of the leading Legionnaires who have been most active in arresting union workers also are owners of fruit farms and vegetable ranches.

Only Big Ones Survive

More than a year ago, Mark Rose, who owns and operates several lettuce and cantaloupe plantations in Imperial Valley, told his writer that he would gladly sell his holdings and get out, if he could realize what he had invested. He admitted that he simply could not compete with the big corporations, although he had to the wages of his employees to the bone. A relative of the writer who owned 120 acres planted alternately to lettuce and cantaloupes, until the place was lost through foreclosure, had the same experience. The experience of these two owners is the experience of all the small farmers and growers who try to farm in the Imperial Valley.

When harvest season is at its height, it is difficult if not impossible for the small grower to secure railway cars in which to ship to market; these cars are preempted by the Southern Pacific Railway Company for its own benefit and for the benefit of the big vegetable concerns. As a result huge quantities of produce grow and rot, and the little fellows are left to spoil and rot. Trucking to San Diego and Los Angeles is unprofitable. Rarely does the income from

Small Farmers, White, Mexican, Negro and Filipino Workers Thrown into Poverty

these truck loads pay for the haulage. No wonder the little fellows are desperate and in a fighting mood.

So uncertain is the market, due to fluctuations incident to the recurring crises of the big concerns, that even the big concerns can not definitely count on an annual profit. Some years huge profits are made; then will come a bad year when these profits are cut by reason of a loss. In the long run, of course, the big corporations make money; otherwise they would not stay in the game. The money made by these corporations comes out of the hides of the workers. If the workers were paid anything like what their labor is worth, the cash deposits in the exchange of the corporations would be materially diminished.

So much for the owners and operators. What of the workers? It is where hell might be said to begin.

Workers' Life of Valley

To the credit of the workers who plant and harvest the fruit and vegetable crops of California, most of whom are Mexicans, Filipinos, Negroes and the poor whites, it must be said that they do not for their labor, the farms, ranches and groves would speedily revert to barren desert, and the real estate boosters would have nothing in particular to brag about. For generations they have sown and reaped, but they have not been permitted to enjoy the fruits of their toil. Today they are landless, homeless, disinherited, for the most part wanderers on the face of the earth; yet their labor constitutes the biggest contribution to the upbuilding of the commonwealth without the loss of economic prosperity of the Golden State would be a myth.

To the credit of the Communists—and let this be blazoned forth where all may read—it must be said that they are the first and only ones who have gone about the job of educating and organizing these workers in a manner which promises fruitful and lasting results. Never has the church carried to these workers a message of hope. Never have organizers of the A. F. of L. lifted their voices in their behalf. Never have the politicians of the Socialist Party given them the slightest consideration. With the church, the A. F. of L.

NORTH U. S. S. R. COLLECTIVE INVITES US TO CORRESPOND

(Ed. Note.—The letter they refer to was published in the Western Worker on Sept. 13.) To the Editor of the Western Worker, Calif., U. S. A.

With great pleasure we members of the collective farm "Organizator" (North Province) have learned that an account of our collective appeared in your paper. Therefore thousands of comrades in your land, our class brothers, have learned something of our life, achievements and successes. We know of this fact fills us members with new energy and enthusiasm for work to attain greater improvements in our life. We are now giving you same further details about life on the kolhoz, "Organizator".

Farms Grow to 518 In 1929 our kolhoz started with that time we had only 9 farms, one common barn with ten head of cattle and 15 horses. Little by little by dint of great effort we built up our life. Now we have 518 farms. We all work for the good of our collective farm and for the good of our beloved Workers' Government. When we worked individually we had to toil very hard just with our hands and muscles. Now the new method makes our work much easier. We have 40 machines altogether. We have electric milkers. In our modern barns there are now 360 cows, 400 calves, and 170 horses. Be-

lieve me, we are not bragging. These conditions contribute to the general unrest and dissatisfaction.

Admission from Government Board

Just recently Campbell McCullough, Secretary, Los Angeles Regional Labor Board, made a hurried survey of labor and strike conditions in the Imperial Valley. Several paragraphs from his report taken from advance copies read:

"No small part of the difficulty with the workers has been due to living and working conditions which even for the workers with extraordinarily low standards are said to be aggravating. Mr. E. Buchhold, attached to the County Health Department, whose work is sanitary conditions upon the ranches, admits that there is much to be desired. The sanitary conditions in the camps and on the ranches are such that a usual percentage of typhoid—far too high—is always present. There is no water supply for the field other than the irrigation water from the Colorado River, and this, according to various reports, is often a heavy content of silt and other solid matter requiring careful and thorough filtering before it is potable."

Here it might be added that frequently the animals contaminate the main and lateral ditches for days before they are discovered and removed. Occasionally the stench arising from this water is almost unbearable; yet this is the water the workers are compelled to use for drinking and bathing purposes. Continuing, Mr. McCullough's report reads:

"Mr. Buchhold describes among other sanitary facilities the condition of certain latrines with imperfect screening on many of the ranches, tending to produce typhoid conditions, and some of these are too close to the water supply."

"Some workers have complained of the maintenance of what are known as 'field boarding houses'. These are just what the name implies. They are places on the ranches where food is furnished to workers at a price that is deducted from their wages. The complaint is that in many instances the food is bad and that the charge is far too high."

Under capitalism they are wage slaves, little better than serfs. If they heed the voice of their economic masters, all workers, white, Mexican, Filipino and Negro, will cooperate on the job, but will divide when the job is finished. Such division inevitably will continue them in their slavery. If, however, they cooperate off the job as they work together on the job, they will form a power that will make them masters of the job and put them in position where for the first time in their lives the present will have meaning and the future will have hope.

Fruits of Capitalism

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The Cannery & Agricultural Workers Industrial Union is in the field to organize these workers for a more abundant life. Neither the threats of persecution, nor imprisonment, nor actual murder even, coming from the hired agents of the master classes, will deter or stop the organizers in their work. This organization work is going to be accomplished, the hands of the fruit and agricultural workers of California are going to be joined together in one mighty union, and the Los Angeles Times and the San Francisco Chronicle are going to be compelled to publish that fact to all the world!

Leader of the kolhoz—Kuzmin; members, Valkon, Belousov, Senukov, Popova, Drozdova, Kuzmina, Okulov, and others.

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SOVIET DANCERS

Vecheslova and Chabukani, celebrated Soviet dancers, will appear in their second and final concert at the Philharmonic auditorium Saturday afternoon, Feb. 17, under the direction of L. E. Behrmer, offering a new program which includes numbers from "Flame of Paris", "The Red Poppy", and "Cossair", new Russian ballets.

Chabukani's "Ribbon Dance" from "The Red Poppy" is already known to hundreds of American tourists, as this ballet is always featured during the annual summer theatre festivals in Leningrad and Moscow. It is one of the most spectacular ballets ever staged. While leaping in mid-air, Chabukani weaves intricate Oriental patterns with two huge ribbons, each thirty feet long.

Their dances from "Flame of Paris", a ballet based on the Paris Commune, are also dynamic and breath-taking. At their second concert in Carnegie Hall, New York, they were accorded an ovation at the finish of this group.

Among their other dances are Valse Classique, Carnival, Ribika, Fantasy, Caucasian Dagger Dance and Souvenir.

They are from the Marinsky Theatre, Leningrad, where Vecheslova is premiere ballerina and Chabukani is male soloist. Nicolas Kopeikin, former pianist with the Diaghilev Ballet Russe, is their accompanist.

They are making a coast to coast tour of the United States by official permission of the Soviet Government.

PWAP

By Stephen Peacock

One of the most striking features of the Civil Works Administration is the remarkable stimulus it has given to Art, Literature and Science, under the provisions of a subsidiary of the C. W. A., the Public Works of Arts Projects, contemptuously referred to by the artists as "Pwap".

Painters, sculptors, teachers, writers and other members of the intelligentsia, have been hard hit by the crisis and many have been doing any kind of work to get relief. Alongside of other skilled and unskilled workers they have been building roads, sawing wood, cleaning sewers and doing other cultural work.

Pwap has given them a chance at bigger and better things. They can now exercise their talent as it has never been exercised before.

Creative Effort

A writer was put to work tearing down tombstones and cleaning up the old S. F. Odd Fellows cemetery. Another writer, who, to get a job, suddenly had to become an artist, sketched history number one at work, so that history could graphically record the magnificent achievements of Pwap.

Scientists and research workers have been given a chance to exercise Einstein's Theory and higher mathematics in general by being asked to count the number of people who pass a certain point during a given period.

Photographers have been turned loose to snap anything and everything, for the sole purpose of keeping them busy.

Teachers have been put to work on an Emergency Relief Program directly connected with Americanism, Patriotism and Preparedness. Just what other purpose this could have under capitalism is not explained when right now it takes a Ph. D. to get a job running an elevator or selling corkscrews.

It is perfectly natural that at Washington, D. C., the cultural revival should reach its climax. There, for two months, college graduates, chemists, statisticians and physicians climbed trees, ladders and up telegraph poles in their appointed task of chasing the over-production of sparrows out of the city.

It seems the sparrows were not impressed and were finally subjected to terrific double gas attack from inside and outside the Capitol.

The Prize Pwap

Literature was not neglected by the C. W. A. Mr. J. Alvin Kugelmass, a "poet", was placed on the list, receiving the same salary as research workers, \$19.23 a week. Says the magazine "Time": "Since he is a C. W. A. worker employed . . . for the social and economic welfare of



THE FIRE!

Irving S. Kreitzberg

Mama got excited as soon as she heard about it. "Jim! Jim! My Jim is working there," she cried. Her voice sounded strange and there was a funny look in her eyes. She shivered just like it was cold—but it really wasn't—and kept on saying, "My Jim! My Jim!"

Mama never acted that way before and we got scared, and baby began to cry. But Mama hardly even paid any attention to us. She kept on repeating Papa's name and she stopped sudden-like. "Harriet, mind the children," she cried to Sis, and ran out of the house.

Mr. Aquinaldo, the Mexican who lives next door took us down in his flivver. Mama kept crying all the way. "Don't cry, Mrs. Glover," Mr. Aquinaldo begged. "Maybe your husband no work in Griffith Park today. Maybe the Relief Office take back his work card. Maybe he not even near the fire." But Mama refused to be comforted; she kept on sobbing: "Oh Jim, Jim . . ."

When we came to the park they wouldn't let us near the fire area. Thousands of people were there—colored people, Mexican, white. Some were wringing their hands, and everybody was talking about the fire. A few of the relief workers who'd been firefighting were still around. "It was hell," one of them was telling the children. "At what time?" "The straw-boss forced us down with threats that we'd be taken off the relief rolls. And us, married men, with kids and families to support. Told us to stop snoring and beat the blaze out with our shovels. The wind swept the fire 'round the canyon and trapped us like rats. I managed to reach the top of the cliff in time. But lots of others didn't. I could hear them shrieking as the flames caught them. Gosh! It was awful. It was terrible. I'll never forget it. It was plain murder. I'll never . . ."

Mama ran up to him. "Do you know Jim Glover, was he near the fire? Where is he?"

the country. Administrator Honkins detailed him to make poems that would teach English to New York City's immigrants and illiterates.

Here are some samples:

1.—(Free-wheeling verse). "Here I am in America My new country, . . . Here I can work and live . . . Here in this country are New things, new ways, and Thoughts, big houses, big like the man who made them. Here I can live and be happy."

(Shades of Sacco-Vanzetti!!)

2.—(Masterpiece that rhymes with Pwap). "A working woman has her house As nice as nice can be, And cleans it every day so well, It's beautiful to see."

All those in favor . . .

Pwap in California

A good sample of how Pwap operates can be taken from San Francisco, in connection with the project of putting unemployed artists to work painting murals inside the Coit Memorial Tower on Telegraph Hill.

Please bear in mind that Art is for Art's sake and that artists are free. Also that Northern California's self-appointed chief of the arts is Mr. Herbert Fleischacker, a Jewish banker whose claim to artistic distinction is derived from drawing up mortgages and executing foreclosures. Don't forget that the ART Director of San Francisco Museum is Walter Hell, an appointee of the Art Commission, a people like Harold Mack, millionaire art dilettante.

Remembering the above, it is easy to understand that the artists who were hired were hand-picked, and that the murals, during the greatest crisis of capitalism, depict progress and prosperity, and have such titles as "Men At Work".

Won't it be pleasant for some starving worker or artist who decides to jump instead of fight his way out of capitalism, to take a long last look at prosperity on the way to the top of the tower?

The Artist at Work

A story is going the rounds, which, if true, is the most damning indictment of capitalism's treatment of its cultural workers. A prominent San Francisco artist, unable to sell his work, was compelled to apply for relief. His work was good enough to be displayed at the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

Applying for his relief check one day, he was asked to do a little job—cleaning the washroom at the place where his paintings were displayed. While the patrons were examining his work, the artist was sent to the men's room to get another inspiration.

Artists must be encouraged, you know.



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Then all of a sudden Mama got panic-stricken and made a dash for the fire area. Some men grabbed her and Mama kicked and fought.

"Let me go," she yelled, "my husband is in there. My husband . . ."

We went down to the morgue. There was a crowd of people there. They wouldn't let anybody in and Mama sobbed. "You mustn't be dead Jimmie, my darling, my beloved one! The children, the baby, what will become of them?"

When night came they let us go to the remains. "Where is my Jim?" Mama cried. "My husband—let me in to him." "Please lady," the man said, "the fire has made personal recognition impossible. If you want the remains you must give us all possible assistance."

"But if I could only see him!" "Can you recognize any of these belt buckles?" the man asked. Mama looked at the pile of discolored metal. She began to tremble again.

"That's my Jim's, I bought him the belt three years ago Christmas."

The man nodded. "Did you husband have any fillings in his teeth?" "Yes, one." "Gold or silver?" "Silver." "What tooth?" "Mama thought for a while—this one." "Second molar. U-huh! . . . He looked at a paper, then mumbled to another man "It's number 22." The man went out and came back with a metal container partly filled with tiny charred bones and ashes, marked 22. Then he said to Mama "Madame you will make arrangements for the remains with this gentleman." Mama looked at the man and then she asked him, "Did you husband have any fillings in his teeth?" "Yes, one." "Gold or silver?" "Silver." "What tooth?" "Mama thought for a while—this one." "Second molar. U-huh! . . . He looked at a paper, then mumbled to another man "It's number 22." The man went out and came back with a metal container partly filled with tiny charred bones and ashes, marked 22. Then he said to Mama "Madame you will make arrangements for the remains with this gentleman." 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